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FOCUS ON **Business** Supplement

Princess Anne receiving a posy from Hattie, the daughter of one of the coaches on the Changing Lives through Horses scheme at Parbold Equestrian Centre.

Charity plays host to Royal visitor

A WEST Lancashire-based charity played host to a very special visitor when the Princess Royal, Princess Anne, went along to Parbold Equestrian Centre to meet young people enrolled on the Changing Lives through Horses (CLtH) scheme.

The scheme is a partnership between the British Horse Society, of which the princess is a vice-patron, and the RSPCA.

During her time at the centre in Bradshaw Lane the royal visitor met with representatives of all the organisations involved, as well as the young people taking part in the course,

Pupils from local schools were also in attendance and the VIP guest was treated to a performance of song and dance.

Princess Anne had been due to visit the centre this time last year but the event had to be cancelled at the last minute as a result of adverse weather conditions.

Changing Lives through Horses aims to re-inspire a desire to learn in people aged between 10 and 24

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'TREAT PLAY AREAS WITH RESPECT'

Council issues appeal to public after vandal attack forces popular park to be closed for months

Report by **Henry James**

BOROUGH council officials are urging residents to treat the town's children's play areas "with respect" after vandalism forced the authority to close one play park for months because of safety concerns.

Equipment at the Firbeck park was targeted by vandals before Christmas and the popular play area is not expected to open again until early spring because of the extent of the damage.

A spokesman for West Lancashire Borough Council commented: "On this occasion we had to undertake a thorough investigation, which included an independent assessment to identify any structural or health and safety issues and remedial work required before the facility would be fit for use again.

"Children's safety must be the most important consideration in situations such as this.

"The good news is plans are now in place for the necessary work to be carried out and we are aiming for the facility to be fully operational again in early spring subject to weather conditions.

"Anyone who vandalises a play area so it can't be used is depriving local children of their enjoyment to play and socialise, as well as causing extra expense to the council and the council taxpayer. Therefore we would appeal to everyone to treat all play areas with respect and encourage people to report acts of vandalism to the police."

The play park at Firbeck which is currently locked and out of use following vandalism.

The Champion was contacted by a resident, who wished to remain anonymous, who was critical of the time the park had been closed.

They wrote: "I am writing to express my utter disbelief that after a number of months the park at the bottom of Firbeck is still out of use after vandals set fire to some of the equipment.

"When a similar incident occurred last year at Coronation Park, Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale the equipment was replaced within a week. Why not now?

"I already struggle to take my children to a park within walking distance that isn't overrun with broken glass, litter or young people with nowhere else to go. How is it Old Skem gets gold star treatment but we have to suffer?"

The council spokesman added: "The council recognises that play areas are important facilities for our communities and works hard to ensure all the authority's play areas across the borough are in good and safe condition for children to enjoy.

"The severity and extent of the damage at Firbeck was much greater here than at Stanley Coronation Park, where one piece of equipment was damaged and we were able to replace it within a couple of weeks due to the availability of the item."

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Oddfellows' helping hand

MEMBERS of a friendship group have donated £704 raised by hosting a raffle to a local charity.

The Ormskirk and Southport Oddfellows voted to donate the funds to the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust

Judith Catton, social events organiser for the Oddfellows branch, said: "We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport at 10.30am for an informal, friendly get-together and a cup of coffee.

"We always have a raffle to subsidise our social outings, but in 2019 we had a surplus and our members generously voted to donate this to the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust."

Anyone wishing to find out more about the group can call Judith Catton on 01704 545279 or email Judith.catton@oddfellows.co.uk.

Crematorium recycling scheme raises more than £10,000 for charities

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancashire Cemetery and Crematorium has marked its fourth anniversary by raising more than £10,000 for local charities from recycled coffin handles and orthopaedic implants left over from cremations.

The funds raised at the crematorium on Pippin Street, Burscough, have been donated to local charities including Skelmersdale's Twinkle House, Wirral's Claire House Children's Hospice, and St Joseph's Hospice in Thornton.

The site is one of 34 belonging to the Westerleigh Group which has a metal recycling scheme. Families can give permission for metal from a cremation to be retrieved and recycled. This can include metal left from the manufacture of the coffin and other metals, such as orthopaedic implants.

Nationally, the recyclying scheme has raised close to £1million for charities since it launched in 2009.

Steve Glen, manager of the Burscough crematorium, which has hosted 3,800 services since opening four years ago, said: "We wanted something positive to come out of what can be a very sad time and donating these funds to local causes, which offer such a vital service, seemed like a natural choice for us.

"We're always looking out for new charities to support and we ask our funeral firector partners and the local community for suggestions too.

"People come here to remember, mourn and celebrate the lives of their loved ones. We regularly see families travel from as far as Preston, Liverpool and Wigan to have a funeral here which I think is due to the personalised service that we deliver, and the beautiful location and facilities.

"Whether families want the coffin to arrive in a tractor instead of a hearse; whether they want to bring a pet along; or whether they want to decorate the chapel in banners and flags from their favourite football team - we are happy to accommodate their wishes."

Positive feedback

Regional manager George Bell added: "We're delighted with the amount of funds we've been able to donate to charities since we opened in West Lancashire.

"Families' feedback about the site has been very positive. The team go the extra mile and this has been reflected in the distance people travel from to use the site, and the breadth of funeral directors we now work with throughout the region."

Twinkle House is a registered charity providing free support sessions for children and young people aged up to 19 years with disabilities and additional needs. It received £4,000 from the crematorium.

Claire House cares for seriously and terminally ill children by creating wonderful experiences aimed at bringing back a sense of normality and providing specialist nursing care and emotional support for families. It received £4,700.

The remainder of the money was shared with St Joseph's Hospice and other causes. St Joseph's provides care and support to more than 200 people with life-limiting conditions from within the West Lancashire, Sefton, Liverpool and Knowsley areas.

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New Poundland store in Concourse will be three times bigger than existing unit

...and create eight jobs

POUNDLAND is set to open a new, bigger store in Skelmersdale on Saturday, February 1.

At nearly 12,000 square feet, the new store, situated at units 30-32 in the Concourse centre, is more than three times larger than the nearby store which it replaces and is one of the company's top 25 stores by size in Britain and Ireland.

Management at Poundland have described their investment in the new Skelmersdale store as a vote of confidence in the town, creating eight new jobs and employing a total of 19 people.

Part of the new store will be devoted to the full range of Poundland's popular Pep&Co fashion brand of "affordable clothing" and bosses says the 'shop-in-shop' will feature an even wider range of children's clothing.

As ever, a range of groceries, health and beauty and homeware products will be on sale from 50p to £5 with three-quarters at Poundland's famous £1 price point.

Poundland retail director, Austin Cooke, said: "We have been part of the Skelmersdale community for years and we're now delighted to be moving to a better store in the Concourse centre. It means we can offer a wider range of everyday products than ever and we look forward to welcoming shoppers through our doors so they can make the most of the amazing value and convenience.

"Customers have told us that they can't wait for us to start selling Pep&Co clothes in Skelmersdale. Kidswear is such an important part of the family shop and we'll be selling schoolwear with our 101-day guarantee and fashion that is amazing value for the price."

Andrew Barrett, retail director atLCP, the commercial property and investmentcompany, which manages the Concourse centre, said: "It's great news that one of our occupiers has committed to an increased presence within the centre and it's good news for people who shop in Skelmersdale."

Concerns growing for missing 13-year-old

Josh O'Brien

SKELMERSDALE Police are growing increasingly concerned about the welfare of 13-year-old Josh O'Brien, who is missing from his home address in the town.

He was last seen at the Co-operative store, Moor Road in Chorley on Thursday, January 23 at 1.40pm.

Josh is described as a white male, 5ft 5in tall, with short ginger hair and of a slim build.

When he was last seen he was wearing a green-and-black waterproof North Face jacket, black trainers and black tracksuit pants.

Although Josh lives in the Skelmersdale area, he has friends and associates in Chorley.

A spokesperson for Skelmersdale Police wrote on social media: "We are now concerned for Josh's welfare and are appealing for your help to find him. If you have seen him or have any information, please call us on 101 quoting log reference LC-20200122-1456.

"Likewise, we would like to appeal directly to Josh should he see this post, please contact us so we can make sure you are safe.

"Please share this post and thanks for your help."

Home scheme for former nursery site amended

Report by **Henry James**

PLANS to build homes at the site of the former Eskbank Day Nursery in Digmoor have been amended slightly following discussions with West Lancs Council planning officers.

The revised layout sees the number of proposed homes reduced from 14 to 13 to allow for an increase in parking provision.

The Day Nursery, Family Resource Centre ceased operating in 2017 when the site was bought by the borough council from Lancashire County Council.

The building is currently occupied on a temporary basis by the Guardians, a private company employed by West lancs Council to provide live-in security at vacant properties and discourage vandalism.

Local resident Alison has objected to the proposals, writing: "I feel that the council need to take into account the feelings of all the current residents, some of whom have lived in this area all their lives and want this proposal scrapped.

"The council should make a larger car park for current residents and maybe keep a green area to actually improve people's lives rather than building more houses in an area with current parking problems."

A computerised image of what the proposed development would look like.

The proposed redevelopment would involve the demolition of the existing Day Nursery/Family Resource building and the erection of seven two-bedroom and six three-bedroom homes - all described as 'affordable housing'.

A planning statement for the proposal prepared by HTA Design LLP which states that the proposed development is a "well-designed and sustainable high-quality residential development."

It adds that the proposal, "represents an important opportunity to deliver sustainable development by using brownfield land to provide much-needed affordable housing."

The planning statement invites the council to support the application.

This application will be delegated to the corporate director of place and community for a decision unless a member requests consideration by the planning committee.

The response deadline for ward councillors and parishes is Friday, February 14.

The Sewing Rooms co-directors, Maureen Fazal and Paula Gamester.

Sewing Rooms to run free creative courses for the unemployed

THE Sewing Rooms has received funding from the Workers' Educational Association and the European Social Fund to run a free course aimed at providing an innovative training programme for unemployed people in West Lancashire.

Paula Gamester and Maureen Fazal, co-directors of the Skelmersdale social enterprise based at Centaur House, Gardiners Place, say they are delighted to be able to offer the Sew Creative programme.

Maureen explained: "The programme is all about using sewing and upholstery as a mechanism to learn new skills and prepare for employment.

"It's a 10-week course, running one day per week on Thursdays from 10am till 3pm. There are 40 places available and we will be running four courses over the next six months.

"You don't need to have any experience of sewing or upholstery, just a desire to learn.

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"This project will provide a forum for individuals to come together and share in activities which will stimulate and encourage creative thinking and assist in raising their potential by learning new skills.

"You need to be 18 years or older to qualify for a free place."

Paula added: "We have expert tutors that will guide and support participants and each week you will make something new to bring home.

"From experience, we know that these programmes of learning really do work. We have seen confidence improving and have also seen individuals gaining employment and becoming self-employed.

"We are so excited about the possibilities and impact this type of programme can achieve."

For more information contact Maureen Fazal on 01695 550772; email maureen@the-sewing-rooms.co.uk; or visit www.thesewing-rooms.co.uk.

Plan for community classroom within Tawd Valley allotments

PLANS to install a community classroom/cabin within the Tawd Valley allotments at Manfield, Skelmersdale have been submitted to West Lancs Council.

The response deadline on the application, which has been submitted by the borough council, for ward councillors and parishes is Friday, February 14.

A decision on the application is expected to be made by the planning committee.

The proposed cabin will measure approximately 12 metres long by 3.6 metres wide and 2.4 metres high and located within the Tawd Valley Park, bounded to the north, east and west by trees.

The application states that access to the site will not be affected by the installation of the new classroom/cabin.

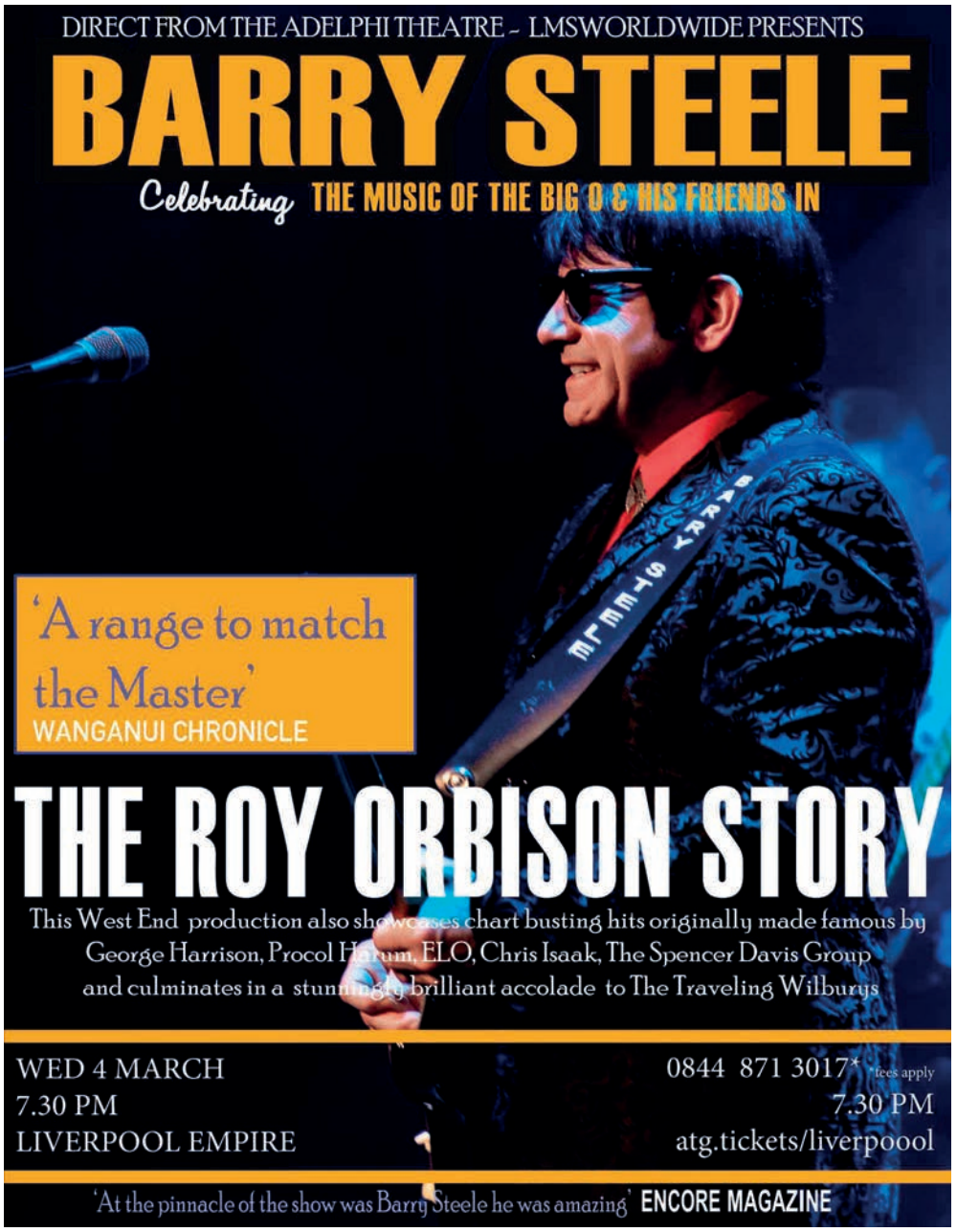
Leisure operations manager at West Lancs Council, Steve Kent, said the new outdoor classroom/community cabin will be a "dual-use facility" for visitors to Tawd Valley Park (predominantly schoolchildren) and plotholders on the new allotment site.

Commenting on the visual impact of the site, he wrote: "The classroom/cabin to be installed on the site will be suited to the green space in which it will be located. It will be painted green to be unobtrusive and will be totally masked from local residents and users of the nearby public footpath by a tall, thick hedge line.

Photo with arrow indicating the site of the proposed classroom/cabin.

"The security fencing to be installed to surround the classroom/cabin will be of the same specification as the existing allotment site. The fencing will be of weld mesh construction and painted green to blend in with the surroundings.

"I would therefore assess the landscape and visual impact of this development as minor."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Campaigners from Save Ormskirk and Southport Hospitals at Ormskirk's Clock Tower.

NHS campaigners stage demo at Clock Tower

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A LOCAL group campaigning against changes to, and privatisation of, the NHS have held demonstrations in Ormskirk and Southport

Save Ormskirk and Southport Hospitals (SOSH) held demos at Ormskirk Clock Tower last Saturday (January 25), and at Southport Hospital on Friday, January 17, The group is affiliated to the national organisation, Keep Our NHS Public, which campaigns against what it describes as the ongoing privatisation of the NHS and its services.

Along with the privatisation of health services the group seeks to raise awareness of long-term NHS plans to introduce Integrated Care Systems (ICSs).

Judith Wright, a former lecturer at Edge Hill University, and leader of SOSH for West Lancs believes ICSs will lead to a US-style model of heath care which depends upon patients having insurance.

She claims that it has been the policy of governments for 30 years, and especially the last 10, to dismantle the NHS as a publicly funded, publicly managed and publicly owned system of universal health care.

Speaking to the Champion, Judith, who lives in Skelmersdale, said: "I personally have benefited from the NHS ever since I was born and my family have also benefited.

"33,000 people in the US died last year because they couldn't access the health care that they needed, because they didn't have health insurance, either because they couldn't afford it or the health insurance they had did not cover their needs. I do not want a system like that in this country."

A spokesperson for NHS England said that there had never been any plans to introduce 'US-style models' of health care to England and added that ICSs "are simply a way of bringing a range of local partners together, to take collective responsibility for managing resources, delivering NHS standards, and improving the health of the population they serve."

The Department of Health and Social Care and West Lancs Clinical Commissioning Group have been contacted for comment.

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Josh and Jack Winstanley celebrate their Team GB call-up with Men-Aces managers Carl and Mim Eaton.

Men-Aces siblings called up for Team GB squad

Club will organise fundraising events to help finance brothers' trip to Euro championships in Switzerland

Report by **Henry James**

SIBLING members of the Skem Men-Aces disability football team are celebrating at the double after being selected for the Team GB squad to compete in the Euro championships in Geneva in June.

Goalie Josh Winstanley and his brother Jack got the call-up after impressing selectors in trials held in Yorkshire.

They are following in the footsteps of Haydn Pulford from the Men-Aces who made it through to the Team GB squad last year.

Six hopefuls from the local club had been nominated to take part in the trials and all did themselves proud despite difficult conditions.

Club coaches, Mim and Carl Eaton said: "The lads were really put through the paces at the trials. The freezing, piercing rain certainly wasn't for the faint-hearted, and swirling winds hampered much of the play, but the lads learned as they went along and got to know other players.

"After several hours of training, matches were arranged with each lad playing in different positions under the watchful eyes of the Team GB coaches.

"It was pretty tense and we tried to keep track of all our six lads as they were on different parts of the field."

After the final whistle all the hopeful players ushered into a sports hall for the announcement of squad.

And the first name reade out was Josh followed by his brother Jack!

Carl and Mim added: "The hall fell silent as the manager held up 16 envelopes and one by one called out the hopefuls.

"When Josh's name was called out, the place erupted in rapturous applause and that was repeated seconds later when Jack's name was also called out!

"We were in tears - this was a truly amazing, emotional day and we are so proud

"But this is where the hard work really starts for the two lads who will have to attend training weekends in Wales."

Meanwhile the club is now starting to organise fundraising events to finance the brothers trip to Geneva.

For more information visit www.skem-men-aces.org.uk.

Tawd Valley stages 'world's first' combined parkrun and Civil War battle re-enactment!

were some unusual happenings in Skelmersdale last Saturday morning (January 25) when Tawd Valley parkrun staged what it claims is the world's first combined 5k run and English Civil war battle re-enactment!

Self-styled 'warre correspondent' Linda Webster, who reported on the event for the parkrun's website, explained: "As our core volunteer team is populated by a number of people with an interest in local history, we decided it made perfect sense to commemorate the arrival, on this weekend 384 years ago in 1644, of the Parliamentarian army en route to the Royalist stronghold of Lathom House.

"The troops camped in the Tawd Valley, where the steep sides of the valley that runners now toil up on Saturdays afforded protection, along with plentiful firewood.

"As we also needed to attend to our core function of putting on a 5k parkrun, we decided that the marshals on the course should play the part of encamped Parliamentarians, while the runners would be Royalist scouts and incursors.

"Much fun was had by all, with the biggest complaint being that the marshals, normally very friendly and supportive, were not quite rude enough with their 17th-century cursing in spite of cries of 'Fopdoodle', 'Driggle-Draggle' and 'Snoutbrand' hurled at passing Cavaliers.

"Though this Saturday's skirmish was quite a small event with costumes largely made from cardboard and sticky tape, it was really enjoyed by 153 runners, joggers and walkers.

'Roundhead' Peter Jordan, armed with halberd, guards a vital bridge over the Tawd.

"We were able to test the water and see whether we might make parkrun-as-battle-re-enactment an annual event, with a view to drawing in budding historians, fancy dress lovers and curious parkrun tourists alike.

"We have already been described by one enthusiastic visitor from Leeds as 'mad as a box of frogs', but we like to see that as a compliment. The morning was a huge success so next year, who knows what we'll get up to, though we have made it clear that muskets will not be allowed."

Junior event cancelled

ORGANISERS were forced to cancel the scheduled Skelmersdale Junior Parkrun last Saturday January 26) after parts of the course were blocked.

A spokesperson for the event wrote on social media: "During the course of today contractors have put up a barrier blocking the path from the finish line up to Asda. As the short slope at the start of the second lap is also blocked off we can't now do the big loops of the course. "The core team will be working hard to try to find an alternative course but we do not know at this stage when we will be back up and running. Please keep on eye on this page for future announcements."

Councillor slams 'irresponsible' owners for dumping dog waste next to sports field

A BOROUGH councillor has slammed "irresponsible" owners for dumping dog waste next to Glenburn sports field.

Skelmersdale North Councillor Neil Furey visited the site after receiving complaints from residents and found it "a "disgusting mess."

He said: "For a long period irresponsible dog owners have been dumping their dog waste in a large sack of rubble at the bottom of Glenburn sports field. This is one of three sacks deliberately left at the site to prevent unlawful vehicle access on to the sports field.

"But this dump is so bad and so disgusting that I have reported it to the council so it can be taken away immediately.

"I know there is a demand for more dog waste bins but there is absolutely no excuse for this filthy action. If dog owners can't find a bin close by they should be disposing dog waste in their own bin at home."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council commented: "Dog owners are responsible for disposing of their dog's mess appropriately. The only correct way for them to do this is when out and about with their dog is to place the waste in a litter bin as these can also be used to dispose of dog mess. No other method is appropriate.

"Owners who do not dispose of dog mess correctly can be issued with a fixed penalty notice or be taken to court.

"We will step up patrols in the Skelmersdale area, and we do act upon complaints and information we receive from the public.

"We would advise residents to log all dog fouling incidents through the online customer service portal on the council website. We are in the process of reviewing where bins are located and will be using the information in our systems to identify the best places to site bins.

"The borough council has cleaned up the mess on this occasion. This land is owned by the county council and we have contacted staff there to see if the sacks can be replaced."

Councillor Furey by the sack at the bottom of Glenburn sports field where people have been dumping dog waste

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A TEAM of volunteers have raised more than £2,400 for Mawdesley-based Rainbow Hub with a Christmas tree recycling service.

The volunteers, in vans, travelled throughout West Lancs and surrounding areas collecting trees for a donation of £10 per tree in aid of the charity (formerly Rainbow House) which supports children and young people with physical and neurological disabilities.

Rainbow Hub community fundraiser, Emma Parish, who organised the collections, said: "This is only the second time we have arranged this event and we are delighted that it was such a big success - thanks to a fantastic group of volunteers and the support of local business. Without their help this would not have been possible.

"We all had a great time and even managed to help one of our volunteers to celebrate his birthday along the way! We really appreciate him giving up his special day to help us out.

"We would also like to thank everyone who shared and promoted this event, especially Giltrees Christmas Tree Suppliers and those people who donated their trees to be collected by us.

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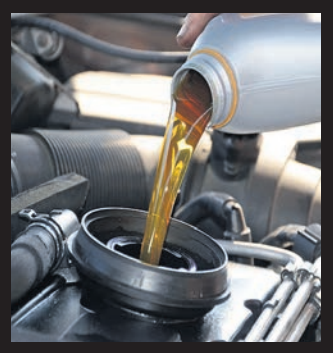

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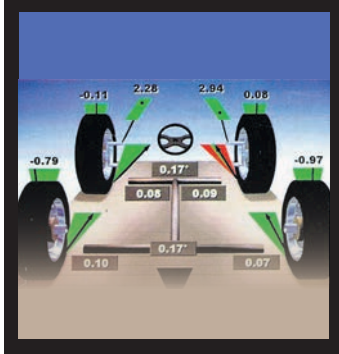

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Skelmersdale ceramic artist Helen Birnbaum in her studio.

Her art is a dog's life for Helen - in the nicest possible way!

Report by **Henry James**

WITH more than a passing nod towards the upcoming Crufts dog show at Birmingham's NEC (March 5 to 8) Skelmersdale ceramic artist, Helen Birnbaum, has been putting together her own take on man's best friend, in clay.

Art aficionados around the region will already be familiar with the thought-provoking and humorous ceramics that Helen turns out, including her latest work at Southport Contemporary Arts Clay Works ceramic studio in the resort's Eastbank Street.

She says: "I make dogs. It's as simple as that. I like the fun and organic form of dogs' bodies.

"I hand-build the dogs using cardboard tubes to make the bodies. Once this is leather hard, I build on the legs, heads and tails, and often decorate the pieces with found metal objects.

"I believe that the old metal objects, often rusty, add a quirkiness and character to the pieces that clay alone could not do. My studio at home is full of boxes of strange metal bits that I always know I'm going to use one day."

And her work continues to win plaudits whenever it is shown. In 2019 alone, her highly individual creative talent was on show at more than 10 galleries across the North West.

After graduating in 2014 with an MA in Ceramic Art & Design from the University of Central Lancashire, Helen was then selected as Ceramic Artist in Residence at Liverpool Hope University.

She added: "After my MA I completed an AA2A residency at Liverpool Hope which completely changed my creative life. So many opportunities came my way since that wonderful year when I had the space, time and facilities, to explore and design a large piece of ceramic work. "

Stimulating

In 2018, Terry Bloxham, assistant curator of the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, awarded her clay sculpture, 'Anticipation', the V&A Morley Gallery Ceramic Prize paving the way for its display at the ARTBOX, in Basel, Switzerland.

In a celebration of that closest of all relationships between man and beast, Helen has now conjured from wet clay, dogs that at first, make you smile but also might make you shiver when you look closer.

She added: "I like to make stories in clay. By investigating images and mythologies I explore different aspects of our modern lives and challenge our perception of the world by stimulating our imagination and providing new insights into modern life."

Helen's ceramics can be found around the region ranging from a variety of pop-up craft fairs to galleries, such as the Chapel Gallery in Ormskirk, and are currently on show in Beaumaris, Anglesey.

Police issue photo revealing contents of 'amnesty' bins

Public encouraged to take advantage of chance to surrender weapons - 'no questions asked'

POLICE in Skelmersdale have released photographs of weapons that members of the public have been leaving at the permanent 'amnesty bins' situated at the town's Tanhouse and Digmoor community centres.

Officers are reminding people that they can surrender any weapons at these bins, completely anonymously and without any questions being asked.

Commenting on the contents of the bins, a spokesperson for Skelmersdale Police wrote on their social media page: "The knife bins have been emptied and as always we've come across a mixed selection.

"The knife bins have been a great addition to the town giving residents the chance to dispose of any blades safely and the whole force thank you for continuing to use them, helping us to keep the streets of Skem safe.

"For those who don't know where the bins are, we have two. One is located at Tanhouse Community Centre and the other at The Evermoor Hub, Digmoor."

Some of the items surrendered at the police amnesty bins.

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Builder's boost for graveyard wall appeal

A FUND to make a wall running parallel to a village church graveyard safe has received a £1,000 boost from a leading housebuilder.

Persimmon Homes Lancashire has pledged the donation to All Saints Hesketh with Becconsall Church as part of its Community Champions initiative which aims to support local voluntary organisations

Sales and marketing director, Diane Finch, said: "The church and its graveyard are close to our Douglas Gardens development and we learned that the embankment which runs parallel to the road, alongside the graveyard, has collapsed, posing potential danger to people walking along that route.

"We are pleased to offer this Community Champions funding to help towards the church's plans for a new wall to secure the graveyard and prevent anyone slipping down the embankment."

Local Freemasons donate to Australian fire disaster fund

FREEMASONS in West Lancashire have contributed to a fund to help people affected by the catastrophic Australian bushfires.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation has awarded a grant of $150,000 (£79,000) to the Disaster Relief Fund set up by Freemasons in Australia to be divided equally among each of the three states most affected, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

Tony Harrison from West Lancashire Freemasons said: "These terrible fires are an ongoing disaster for thousands of Australians. I'm very pleased that West Lancashire Freemasons are working together with Freemasons in Australia to help the victims of the blazes, many of whom have lost everything."

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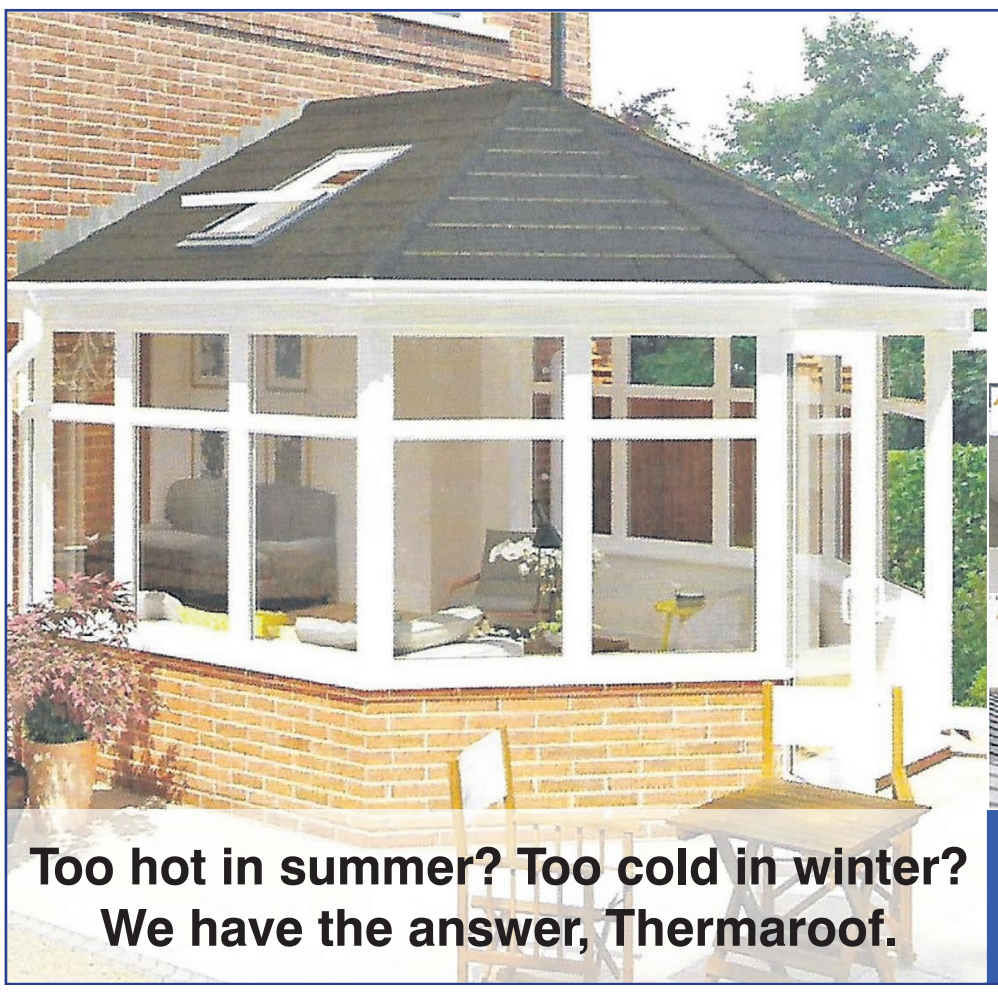

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Royal seal of approval for equestrian centre scheme dedicated to changing lives

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years old who otherwise might be at risk of falling into the category of NEETs - individuals not in education, employment or training.

The scheme encourages them to reconnect with society whilst working alongside horses, as the participants are often suited to an alternative education environment for a range of complex reasons.

The BHS has also recently teamed up with the RSPCA to rehome rescued horses at centres where the scheme is run. And Parbold Equestrian Centre is one of the first BHS-approved riding centres to rehome three rescue horses -Slinky, Trooper and Bungle - that will work with the young people on the programme.

Parbold Equestrian Centre owner, Carrie Byron, said: "We were honoured to have Her Royal Highness visit, especially after having missed out last year due to the snow.

"I was very proud of the team, students and horses. The British Horse Society Changing Lives through Horses Scheme gives children struggling in mainstream education the chance to build their confidence and self-esteem in a calm, safe environment.

"We have been involved with the scheme since the beginning of its development four years ago. It is now a nationwide project so we are very proud that our team have been integral to the success of it.

"Princess Anne was really interested in finding out all about the rescue horses' history and how they help us to teach young people about behaviour and social interaction."

Princess Anne meeting the team at Parbold Equestrian Centre.

Director of fundraising at the BHS, Tracy Casstles, commented: "We are delighted that our vice-patron, The Princess Royal, has been able to witness the wonderful bond developing between the young people on our scheme and RSPCA's rescue horses.

"Her Royal Highness has dedicated so much of her time to the equestrian industry and with Parbold being one of the first centres to launch the Changing Lives scheme back in 2017, it feels extra special for all those involved."

And RSPCA equine welfare operations manager, Gareth Johnson, added: "The Changing Lives through Horse Programme is undoubtedly one of the best schemes I have been involved with in rehoming RSPCA rescue horses. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people and horses to come together and interact."

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Slimmers 'weigh in' with bumper donation for local food bank

Report by **Henry James**

LOCAL slimmers have 'weighed in' with a bumper tasty donation to a good cause in aid of people in need of a helping hand.

Members of Slimming World groups in West Lancashire have collected all their left-over Christmas 'goodies' and donated them to the Ormskirk food bank.

Slimming World senior consultant for the borough, Tina Whewell, said: "I'm so proud of all our members - their commitment to getting back on plan is commendable.

"They know that nothing is banned from our generous Food Optimising plan and things like chocolate, biscuits and crisps are definitely allowed in moderation.

Eager

"However we also encourage members to identify the 'trigger foods' that can lead to the path of slimming destruction and that most people have an abundance of in the festive period.

"This is something we do every year but this has got to be one of our best 'goodie hampers' ever - I couldn't believe how eager everyone was to get on board."

Food bank co-ordinator Peter Chalk with Slimming World consultants Sue Allt, Kathy Burslem, Zoe Baker, Carol Wylie and Tina Whewell and the left-over Christmas goodies donated by members of their groups.

Tracey Abbott, a member from Ormskirk, who has shed almost three stone and dropped three sizes with the help and support of her local Slimming World group, donated all her left-over goodies.

She said: "I feel fantastic and I'm 100% committed and determined to get to target this year, so I wanted to put all temptation out of reach."

Meanwhile, Ormskirk food bank co-ordinator, Peter Chalk, was delighted with the welcome donation. He said: "I really am overwhelmed with the Slimmming World members' generosity and also their determination to lose weight."

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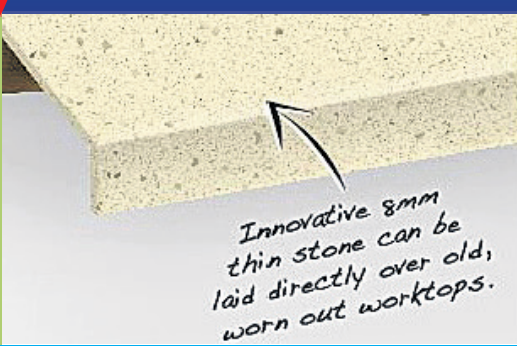

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British Legion to close respite centre for forces veterans

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

BYNG House in Southport, which offers respite breaks to forces veterans and their families from throughout the country, is to close and the building put up for sale, the Royal British Legion confirmed this week.

The Champion first raised fears over its future last November but in a decision 'not taken lightly' the RBL, which owns and funds the imposing Promenade building, say the centre will shut its doors for good as part of a cost-cutting exercise.

The facility is no longer offering stays and shuts each year for staff training and 'deep cleaning' during December and January. However, the Champion understands it will not now re-open.

The move has led to widespread anger among veterans with three other centres also due to close in East Yorkshire, Somerset, and Northern Ireland. More than 3,100 people signed a petition 'To stop the Royal British Legion closing the respite care homes' after the consultation plans were announced in November.

The RBL say that since 2016, it has seen a 20% increase in the armed forces community needing basic support with housing, financial issues, mental health and well-being and mobility, while the average expenditure per household through the Legion's immediate needs funding has risen 45% from £900 to £1,330.

In a statement, the charity said that 'people are coming to the Legion with multiple needs where a holistic approach providing ongoing support is required.'

The RBL say the closures of the centres and the ending of their 'handy van service' will free up £5.8 million annually to 'invest more in on-the-ground, personalised support across its network.'

Byng House in Southport which the Royal British Legion has announced is to close.

The Royal British Legion's director general, Charles Byrne, said: "The modern day needs of the Armed Forces community are changing and it is our duty to change in response. We have closely considered all options for our organisation, and I believe the path we have chosen is the right one to make the greatest difference to those tackling the toughest challenges.

"The decision to close our break centres and handy van service has not been taken lightly, and we are extremely sad it will ultimately lead to some of our colleagues leaving the charity. The affected staff have all contributed greatly to our work, they are part of our community, and we are doing all we can to support them in their next steps."

It costs around £1million to keep Byng House open each year. Asked about the future of the building, the RBL responded: "The sale of buildings and assets will be handled in a sensitive and considered manner. As the Legion owns the freehold for the break centres, we will determine the best option for the buildings to ensure that the trustees of the charity receive the best value in accordance with their Charities Act obligations."

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The join project, to install 150 on-street charging points in the county, is nearing completion and reached a milestone with the opening of a new charging 'super hub' featuring the largest concentration of public rapid chargers in the North West and the first for drivers using the M6.

The 18 chargers are based on a park and ride site near junction 4 of the motorway at Lancaster.

Meanwhile work is nearing completion to ensure electric vehicle-only parking bays can be enforced at a further 32 locations across the county which form part of the scheme, with parking restrictions reserving them for use by electric vehicles being agreed by the council's cabinet.

Most of the charging points are accessed via on-street parking bays in town centres, with some also at transport hubs.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "The Government has provided funding to establish 150 charging points in the county to increase take-up of electric vehicles, reduce emissions and improve air quality, and I'm glad that these points are now available for people to use.

"The way the motor industry is evolving suggests we're only going to see people using more electric vehicles in the future, and I look forward to them becoming a more common sight in Lancashire."

County Councilor Keith Iddon pictured at the Lancaster super hub with Phil Johnson, senior account manager for BP Chargemaster, and Lancaster City Councillor John Reynolds.

Chief executive of BP Chargemaster, Matteo de Renzi, added: "Lancashire County Council has been a great partner to work with in electrifying an entire county, helping drivers in the region to make the switch to electric vehicles."

The charging points are a mix of 50kW chargers which can provide a full charge for many electric vehicles in one hour, and 7kW chargers which can provide a full charge in as little as three hours.

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Extending rail links could have great benefits - economically and socially

THE article on January 8 suggesting extending Merseyrail coverage from Ormskirk to Preston seems very sensible with considerable potential benefits. Sometimes the best ideas are the simple ones.

Contractual issues with the current provider apart, there are a number of matters that would need attention, such as the infrastructure at Ormskirk station as it is only a single line into and out of the station.

Also, the views and willingness of Lancashire County to work with their Merseyside counterparts.

If investment is needed the Government would need to adopt in the next budget the changes they are actively examining regarding funding schemes on the test of cost versus benefits. At present the investment tools used favour schemes in the south of England.

However, why not look further? Yes, the Burscough North Curve, but why not also seek to extend the Merseyrail rail link to Skelmersdale via Kirkby/Wigan?

Transport for the North have included, after extensive consultation, these improvements in their Strategic Plan. The Liverpool City Region, in co-operation with Lancashire County Council, have indeed developed a new rail strategy which includes a new station and rail link proposal for Skelmersdale.

The benefits of such developments could be enormous for the area, both economically and socially.

Hopefully co-operative working between public organisations can also include a standardisation regarding concessionary travel so that Lancashire residents do not feel disadvantaged when in the future travelling alongside our Merseyside counterparts on the newly-developed routes.

K. M., Rufford, by email.

We can all do our bit to tackle climate crisis

YOUR readers will certainly be aware of the critical climate crisis which is threatening the earth. Like most people I wonder if there's anything I can do as an individual.

My contribution is unlikely to have much effect. So does that mean that I must just do nothing? No, you can cut your carbon footprint.

There are obvious things. Don't change your car or your smartphone every year; don't take exotic holidays to the other side of the world; eat less meat and so on.

Sadly, the Government is doing nothing.

Can I now mention an organisation which is challenging governments all over the world to take the drastic steps which must be faced - Extinction Rebellion.

I would like to set up an XR group in West Lancashire. We can then help to spread the message locally. I would be grateful if lots of you join up. You can contact me at maurice-george71@gmail.com.

Maurice George, by email.

PICTURE of the week

READER Keeley Green took this picture as the sun was setting in Halsall en route back from a family trip to Southport.
If you would like to submit a photo to be considered for the Champion's Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to us, as a J-peg attachment, to editorial@champnews.com. Please remember to include your name and the area where you live, along with brief caption details to accompany your photograph.

No excuse for dog mess on streets and green areas

CONTINUING on the subject of dog mess, I walk my dog in the Up Holland area and I can honestly say the pavements and green areas are full of dog mess.

I think it time the council stepped up their patrols and fines. We pay quite high rates compared to some other boroughs.

In my opinion it is the same people who are letting their dogs do this without cleaning up. Some even bag it then just throw it on the pavements, fields etc. The buck should stop with these irresponsible dog owners.

I have walked paths with bins on them and the green areas at the side of the path are like a dog toilet - disgraceful.

There are quite a few bins in Up Holland and even if there isn't one handy - take it home!

Come on, stop being ignorant, lazy and downright disrespectful to people and the beautiful area you live in. Bag it and bin it or take it home. No excuses. You know who you are!

P. S., Up Holland, by email.

Path proposals conjure up visions of cycling becoming the town's transport 'norm'

I WAS very pleased to read that as part of wider proposals West Lancs Council are planning to deliver a cycling route between Ormskirk railway station and Edge Hill University in partnership with Lancashire County Council to encourage students and staff to travel to the Edge Hill Campus by public transport, cycling and walking, to reduce traffic problems.

I have for some time now had a vision of Ormskirk, being a university town, becoming similar to Oxford and Cambridge where cycling as a form of transport is the norm for most people within the town.

It reminds me of that old Queen song 'I Want To Ride My Bicycle'!

Charlotte Chappell, by email.

Drop us a line...

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.

Thanks to Postcode Lottery players for helping to fund essential care for cats

I WOULD like to thank players of People's Postcode Lottery, who have raised over £2.2 million for Cats Protection to-date.

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I'm happy to report that both kittens have since found loving homes and have settled in well with their new families.

Anyone wishing to adopt a cat or support Cats Protection can find out more at www.cats.org.uk.

Mark Beazley, director of operations, Cats Protection.

Ask the Government for more money for police - not West Lancs pensioners!

ONCE again Clive Grunshaw is rattling his begging bowl for more cash for the police budget.

I do think that the West Lancashire pensioners have had enough.

What we need after last year's extortionate rate rise, that ate up most of our pensions is a complete rest and zero rates for the next five years.

Mr Grunshaw should seek Government help if he requires more cash for his police force - or he could resign and save us a considerable sum of money.

Jim Burgess, by email.

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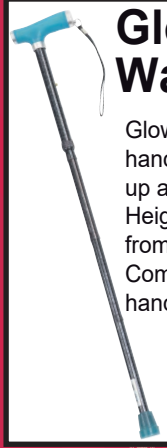

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Football club gears up to celebrate golden anniversary

Search launched for former members to join in special event to mark milestone

Report by **Kenny Parker**

OFFICALS of a long-established local sports club are busy making plans to celebrate a special milestone later this year.

Ormskirk West End FC was formed in 1970 after a group of youngsters called at the home of the late Bill Howard in Court Green and asked him to help them start a football team.

Bill was already managing another team at the time but with the assistance of the Scarisbrick Ward Residents Association, who bought an assortment of jerseys, two teams - under-13s and under-15s - were established and the new club was born with the name chosen by the players .

Now current chairman, Paul Gaskell, is seeking to contact former managers and players to help celebrate the club's 50th anniversary at a special event to be held at Hurlston Hall in June.

From that modest beginning - the first 'changing rooms' were in the garage of under-13s manager, Ernie Price in Marians Drive - West End grew into one of the largest grassroots football clubs in the county.

Today it boasts 15 teams, is an FA Chartered Standard Development club and has provided football for thousands of local boys and girls.

Paul Gaskell said: "We are trying to contact as many former players, coaches, managers and volunteers as possible to invite them to join us for our landmark celebration in June."

Anyone requiring more information on the event is asked to visit the club's website www.ormskirkwestendfc.co.uk or contact Paul Gaskell on 07590 728222 or Dave Gornall on 07572 423499.

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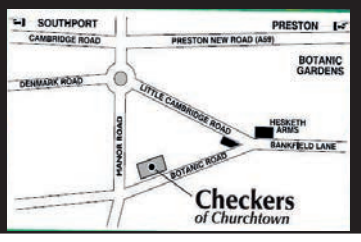

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‘Free-from’ food fad has taken fun out of shopping

I USED to think myself slightly unusual among my fellow men in that I tend actively to enjoy shopping - or at least I used to.

In any case the thought did cross my mind that since I have been ‘single’ now for many years, my shopping expeditions are no longer a bit like the Duke of Edinburgh having to follow HRH around as a kind of bag man, instead I can - indeed must - please myself as to what I look at and what I buy.

And, as I said, I used quite to envoy my shopping expeditions both on my home turf of Maghull and in Southport and Ormskirk, with the occasional visit to Bootle’s increasingly dismal New Strand.

But of recent months my pleasure has been ruined by the relentless determination of our supermarkets to pander to the culture of ‘healthy’ eating.

In aisle after aisle you come across shelves packed, I reckon rather patronisingly, with ‘free from’ this, that and the other, whether it be gluten (and I confess I don’t know what this is or what it does, though it doesn’t seem to have harmed me in the past so far as I know), ‘dairy’, sugar, salt - in fact, just about everything that makes food pleasant to eat.

Now, don’t get me wrong, I am quite well aware that some folk are genuinely allergic to certain additives and of course it is only sensible clearly to mark ‘gluten free’ etc. products.

But whole aisles given over to what for many of us are really ‘fad foods’ is boring in the extreme for ignoramuses such as I.

Now of course we are supposed not to eat produce of animal origin, partly I think because the vegans of this world would have it this way. But naturally these days the ‘Save the Planet’ card is played for all its worth.

‘Unfortunate facts’

And I believe it’s not really worth all that much. The argument goes that since cows fart a lot (and ‘fart’ is a perfectly good old English word too) they blow huge amounts of methane gas into the atmosphere doing all kinds of damage to the ozone layer. A good argument too - except it’s not strictly true!

According to an expert on climate change I was listening to on the radio recently, yes, it would damage our climate if it ever got high enough in the air to do it. But apparently, in fact, it does not.

In fact, according to this climate change guru (and she is all for electric cars, windmills, the whole shebang in fact), the emissions help, with the noxious gas becoming loaded with water, and falling back to earth and in that form in fact helps the regeneration of the soil.

So there!

Not, I suppose, that any unfortunate facts like that will stop the queues forming at McDonalds for the latest in veggie burgers, though why, if they are so keen on greens, they can’t boil or steam their own, as I do, I really don’t know.

Anyway, while on the general subject of healthy things to eat, I bought a frozen fish pie the other day and for the price, it made a very nice change too.

But more out of interest than any desire to criticise, I had a look at the packing to see what kind of fish resided within.

I still don’t know. What the package told me was that it could be any one of several - but worry not, the code on the box would reveal all. Except that when I looked for the codes and exactly what brand of fish I was eating, I found this could be done by, guess what? ‘Going to www.’ etc. etc.

So I still don’t know (or really care since it tasted fine) but if I fired up the computer (if I had one)

I’d bet a sardine to a sea bass that it would have turned out to have been Alaskan Pollock or such, rather than cod. Why can’t they just come clean in the first place?

Still, I wouldn’t worry too much about my rantings - they may possibly contain traces of nuts.

Snowdrops Sundays event cancelled

THE popular Snowdrop Sundays event at Bank Hall, Bretherton will not take place this year.

The carpet display of snowdrops, organised by the charity Friends of Bank Hall over weekends in February, attracts hundreds of visitors to the historic hall, which dates from 1608, every year.

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Now a third generation is joining the team after Lisa's daughter, Anabel Hunter-Walker and Sally's son, Louis Hunter, both gained diplomas in funeral arranging to become nationally-recognised funeral directors.

Sally Hunter said: "We are proud of the way in which the younger members of the family have fitted into the business and embraced the principal that the highest standards must prevail at all times."

Carol's free dress offer to help hard-pressed parents with prom costs

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A DRESSMAKER from West Lancs is aiming to help local parents with the cost of teenagers' school-leaving 'prom' parties by providing previously worn dresses for free.

Carol Morris, who runs Sewing Street at Burscough Wharf, came up with the idea after hearing from a growing number of parents coming into the shop about the soaring cost of their daughters' prom dresses.

She said: "These dresses can cost £400 or £500 each - which comes on top of the cost of shoes, hair and make-up etc. - and obviously many people simply can't afford to pay so much for a dress that will only be worn once."

So the seamstress set up a Facebook page appealing for donations of used prom dresses. This was shared by a lot of people and as a result, and from talking to customers, Carol has amassed more than 40 dresses, in sizes ranging from 6 to 20, which can be given to girls preparing for their end-of-year party.

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Carol Morris with one of the prom dresses donated following her appeal.

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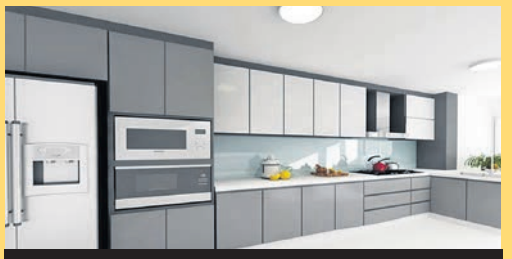

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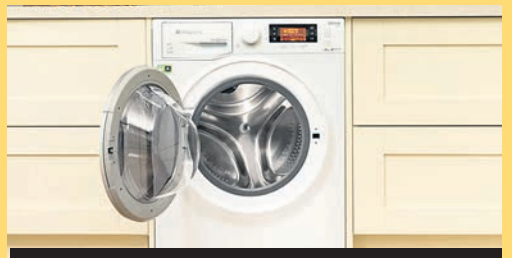

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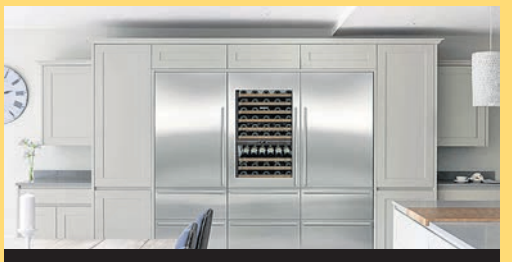

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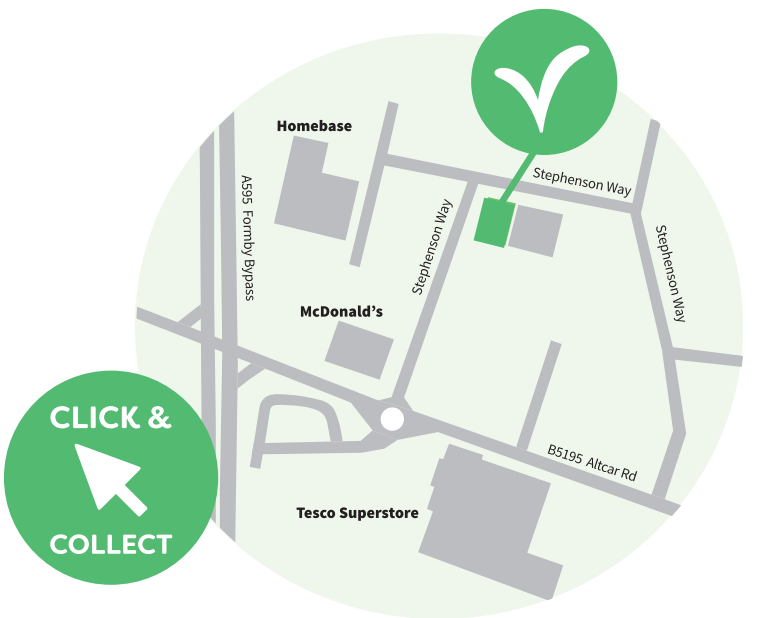

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Local bands take the stage for return gig at city's ukulele festival

THE Ormskirk Ukulele Band are once again joining musicians from throughout the region to celebrate World Ukulele Day.

Following on from the success of last year's event, which raised £3,000 for the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity, more than 25 bands will be taking part in the free uke fest in Liverpool city centre from 1pm on Sunday, February 2.

The bands will be performing on stages around Liverpool One and the Bierkeller bar and, as last year, will team up for a mass ukulele performance at 3pm outside John Lewis when members of the public will be invited to take part in a sing-along while donating to charity.

Last year shoppers were led with uke renditions of You Are My Sunshine, Folsom Prison Blues and Bring Me Sunshine,

An after-party, starting at 4pm, will be hosted by BBC Radio DJ Janice Long at the Bierkeller bar.

Other local bands taking part include Maghull and District Ukulele Band, Northern Ukes, Splintered Ukes, The Travelling Wannabes and The Secret Ukulele Band.

Ormskirk Ukulele Band performing last year at Liverpool ONE.

Lovelorn Harry could be a perfect lady's companion

THE Carla Lane Animals In Need rescue centre is looking for a home for a mixed breed dog that has been in their care for more than six years.

Harry is a medium-sized, sandy coloured dog that was found tied up outside a supermarket more than six years ago. Though he is friendly with other dogs, the Melling-based animal charity say they are looking for a home without other dogs or children.

The dog, believed to be about eight years old, is also fearful of men so a lady owner with experience of looking after dogs is being sought.

A spokesperson for the charity said: "Harry is gentle, playful and loving once he gets to know people but needs patience and time to build trust. Harry has been looking for love for a very long time and we would love him to have a forever home by Valentines Day 2020."

You can contact the rescue centre on 0151 549 0959.

Harry is playful, loving and available.

History group meeting

NEXT meeting of the Ormskirk and District Historical Society will be on Monday, February 3 when guest speaker Janet Niepokojczycka will give a talk entitled 'Past Times in The Cartmel Vale' at the Four Lane Ends Mission, Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe, starting at at 7.30pm. Admission is £3 for visitors but free for students with appropriate ID.

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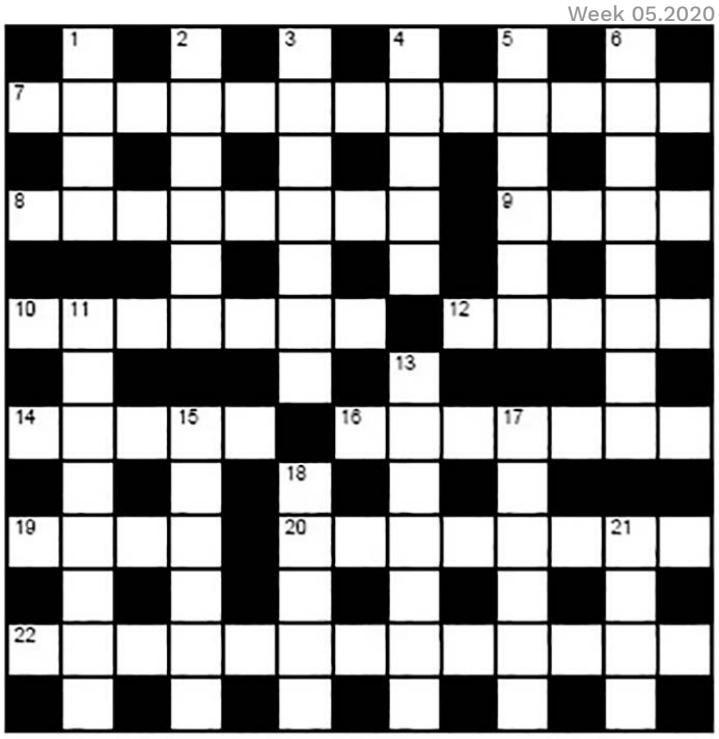

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ACROSS

7. Detailed description of requirements (13)
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10. The structure of a language (7)
12. Electronic message sent by computer (5)
14. A brief descriptive piece written for promotional purposes (5)
16. An online site (3, 4)
19. An open pastry case containing a sweet or savoury filling (4)
20. A woman who provides massages professionally (8)
22. Person employed to educate children (6, 7)

DOWN

1. Swift rotating motion (4)
2. Long, loud piercing cry (6)
3. On rough terrain (3-4)
4. The skin covering the head, excluding the face (5)
5. An upper cavity of the heart (6)
6. Arousing feelings of sympathy or gratitude (8)
11. Dependence on or trust in someone or something (8)
13. An infectious viral disease causing fever and a red rash, typically occurring in childhood (7)
15. Fixed amount of a commodity officially allowed to each person during time of shortage e.g. in wartime (6)
17. Give a sermon (6)
18. Plentiful (5)
21. Plant reproduction unit (4)

County stages another information evening for potential adopters

LANCASHIRE County Council is organising another information evening aimed at people thinking about adoption.

This will be held at County Hall, Preston on Thursday, February 6 from 6 to 7.30pm to help interested parties to find out about the process involved.

There's no need to book but early arrival is recommended so that the presentation can start promptly and you are also asked to stay for the whole session.

The focus is on two different types of adoption, so that more babies and young children can go to live with their permanent family more quickly.

Best for Baby (concurrent placements) places babies and young children, aged up to two, with foster carers who may go on to give them a permanent home.

Better Beginnings (the Fostering-for-Adoption scheme) is for children where there is no realistic prospect of a return to their birth family.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "People from all backgrounds are needed to offer a permanent home and family to children who are not able to live with their birth family. We want to hear from people irrespective of their race, gender, sexuality, living arrangements, age or employment status. You can adopt as long as you are over 21, and live in Lancashire or close by. What is important are your personal qualities and that you can provide a loving home for a child through childhood and beyond.

The County Council is looking for permanent homes for babies and children who are unable to live with their birth family. Photo posed by a model.

"Sometimes babies come into our care at birth or soon after, and are looked after by foster carers, while we work with their parents to see if they can go home. If this isn't possible, the court process can take some time, and after that the baby usually has to move again to their adoptive parents."

Best for Baby (Concurrent Placements) place a baby or child straight away with their prospective adopters, who are also approved as foster carers, while the birth family is assessed and the court makes a decision.

Cllr. Williamson added: "Best for Baby placements mean that there's some degree of uncertainty for the adopters, because there is always a small chance the child might go home. If the adults can take on this uncertainty, the baby will have the chance of a more secure start in life. If they are adopted, they'll have been with their adoptive family for much longer."

Better Beginnings (Foster-for-Adoption) carers are approved as temporary foster carers, but are prepared to adopt the child, if it is eventually decided that they can't return to their birth family.

Arrangements through the Better Beginnings scheme can give children continuous care in the home that they may settle in permanently, rather than spending months with other foster carers first. They also allow them to bond with their new family at an earlier age.

This scheme has been encouraged by the Government nationally over the last few years, as part of reforms to speed up the adoption process.

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Audience loved 'Jeeves & Wooster'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

Jeeves & Wooster In Perfect Nonsense
SDC at Southport Little Theatre

THERE is no better way to get an audience on your side than to involve them in the action and this happened at the very start of this play with Rikki Spofforth as Bertie Wooster sitting on the stage chatting to the front row and explaining what it was all about and, in between the frenetic action, this communication was kept up throughout to a pleasingly large audience.

Chris Smalley was a perfect Jeeves, one raise of his eyebrows speaking a thousand words. In between he also appeared as three other men and one woman.

Nathan Coleman made up the rest of the cast, taking on five roles in all, comprising three men, a police constable and Aunt Dahlia, often several of them in the same sketch.

Directed by Andrew Sloman, the action was non-stop as scenery was constantly moved round, props were wheeled on and off, films were screened in the background and, needless to say, there were numerous costume changes.

A scene where Wooster was sitting in a bath ostensibly naked, though happily we were never able to confirm this, brought the house down. Indeed, the audience participation throughout added to the atmosphere in the theatre.

I would unreservedly give 10 out of 10 for the impressive performances of all three actors who were hardly ever off the stage the whole evening and all the intricate and acrobatic moves were carried out without even one mistake.

A scene from Jeeves and Wooster

The only drawback for me, and this is a personal thing, is I don't like farces and P.G Wodehouse stories are silly in the extreme. They are also very confusing as you never know what is really happening or why and, after a while, despite the amusing incidents, they become tedious and I was glad it was over by 9.45pm.

Yet comedies, however banal, like thrillers are the plays that bring in the biggest crowds and, indeed, the TV viewers too, as a glance at viewing figures will confirm.

I will say, though, that Rikki Spofforth was a million times better than Hugh Laurie in his portrayal of Wooster.

Star Rating 7 out of 10. The audience loved it.

The show runs until this Saturday (February 1) at 7.30pm each evening. Tickets from the Box Office on 01704 530521/530460 or book online at www.littletheatresouthport.co.uk

T.Rextasy

Flamboyant and charismatic star being celebrated at Atkinson

T.REXTASY, presented by Sweeney Entertainments, return to venues across the UK in 2020 with The Greatest Hits Tour, transporting audiences back to relive the good old days of the 1970's.

The show will be at The Atkinson, Southport on Friday, February 21 at 7.30pm.

Marc Bolan, with his band T.Rex, was one of the most flamboyant and charismatic stars of the original glam rock era.

With Bolan's special ingredient of Rock-a-Boogie songs, the band had a string of huge hits throughout the 1970s including Love to Boogie, Telegram Sam, Jeepster and 20th Century Boy.

Accepted as the world's only official live tribute band dedicated to Marc Bolan and T.Rex, and the only band endorsed and approved by Marc Bolan's family, estate, original ex-members of T.Rex, and Bolan's catalogue management, T.Rextasy have been described by many as 'beyond the boundaries of tribute'.

They have been performing all over the world for more than 25 years, a career that ironically out-lives Marc's very own T.Rex.

The skilled musicianship of Danielz (vocals and lead guitar), Neil Cross (rhythm guitars, backing vocals), Rob Butterfield (bass guitar, backing vocals) and John Skelton (drums) lets the timeless music and legacy of Marc Bolan and T.Rex live on, performing everything from 20thCentury Boy to Children of the Revolution as well as Telegraph Sam to Hot Love with superb authenticity.

Sweeney Entertainments, co-founded by Julie and Peter Sweeney, has been providing a wide repertoire of top-quality touring shows for theatre and corporate events for more than 15 years both in the UK and internationally and now boasts a repertoire of 14 touring productions. Julie said: "T.Rextasy return to venues across the UK in 2020 with another powerhouse evening of rock 'n' roll. This concert show boasts two hours of amazing completely live glam rock, with a generous mix of the popular hits, play b-sides and album tracks."

Danielz, lead vocalist and lead guitarist, said: "I absolutely love playing the songs of T.Rex. It's the actual buzz one gets of going on stage and giving the audience a live experience. Fans are coming to have a good time, and when I see people smiling and doing just that it makes it really worthwhile."

This concert saims to "faithfully recreate the energy and performance of Marc Bolan and T.Rex".

The West End Players Juniors. Photo by Ellen Campbell

Show was 'old fashioned pantomime at its best'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

The Wizard Of Oz
The West End Players
Lord Street West Church Hall, Southport

AS a change from their customary annual pantomime, the West End Players New Year offering for 2020 was The Wizard of Oz, staged in collaboration with The Funky Monkees.

Tom Wharton took the title role with Rowan Nolan as Dorothy, Lauiren Galley as The Scarecrow, Sian Davies as Prince Boz of Oz, Fern Thompson as the Lion. Daisy Halfpenny as Toto and Neil Spruce as The Tinman. Comedy was provided by Nick Rimmer and Sarah Davenport as Wotchit and Witchit.

Taking charge of events was Katy Hibbert who showed a great gift for comedy and communicating with an audience. Katy gave a lively performance as Wavy Wanda (the good witch) with Linda Cunningham her counterpart in the role of Evil Eva. Pantomimes are for children and the more children there are in the cast, the bigger the size of the audience as their families and friends come especially to see them. This was certainly true here as there was nearly a full house to see 15 members of The West End Players Juniors taking to the stage, alongside young members of the Funky Monkees.

There was plenty of singing and dancing, to popular numbers like Everything I Do, Greased Lightning and Pretty Woman, plus the usual 'behind me' games to add to the pantomime feel, while mention must be made of the colourful costumes and the artistic sets.

Andrew Catterall provided the musical accompanist and Maria Edwards and Chloe Ackers were in charge of Children's Direction and Choreography.

The script was written by Michael Buchanan-Smart and the show was directed and produced by Wendy Aspin and Diana Draper.

The Wizard of Oz finishes this coming Friday and Saturday with shows at 7.30pm each evening and a 2.15pm matinee on Saturday.

Star rating 6 out of 10. Old fashioned panto at its best

Rhythm Katz to start performing at Royal Clifton

Jacqui's Rhythm Katz are to start performing at the Royal Clifton

JACQUI'S Rhythm Katz have moved! On Sunday, February 15, Jacqui's Rhythm Katz will be performing at the Royal Clifton Spa Hotel, The Promenade Southport.

Jacqui's Rhythm Katz are a nine piece swing and jazz band with a horn section, rhythm section, and female and male vocalists.

The band plays a wide variety of favourite tunes from the swing era, Latin American, pop and modern classics. The evening features music from the great band leaders such as Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Sammy Nestico, as well as more modern arrangers who arrange especially for the band.

Their male vocalist sings the songs of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, Michael Buble, Paul Anka to name a few.

While their female vocalist sings numbers made famous by Dinah Washington, Nina Simone, Ella Fitzgerald to more modern vocalists such as Norah Jones, Amy Winehouse and Adele.

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	Friday	Saturday	2 NTS
Fri 7 Feb	Lionel Richie	Diana Ross	£79.95
Fri 14 Feb	Celine Dion	Whitney Houston	
Fri 21 Feb	Cher	Meatloaf	
Fri 28 Feb	Neil Diamond	Michael Buble	
Fri 6 Mar	Cliff Richard	Frankie Valli	£89.95
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	Friday	Saturday	2 NTS
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Fri 21 Feb	Tom Jones	Elvis	
Fri 28 Feb	Johnny Cash	Dolly Parton	
Fri 6 Mar	Michael Buble	Neil Diamond	
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Special thanks to Rev Martin Abrams for taking the funeral service, all the staff on ward 9b at Southport Hospital and to Georgina, Val and Wendy at Co-operative Funeralcare, 254 Liverpool Rd for all their help with the funeral arrangements.

SINGLETON BILL

The family of the much loved Bill Singleton would like to thank everyone who attended Bills funeral and making it such a celebration of his life, he would of loved it. Thankyou everyone for all the sympathy cards and kind words, also for the donations for The Royal Airforce Force Benevolant Fund. Special thanks to all of the staff on ward 15b and Dr McDonald at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital. Love and thanks to Eleanor for the fabulous heartfelt service, also great thanks to Melanie and the team at H Hardman & Co Funeral Directors for the sensitive and professional funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ERIC RATCLIFFE

Ann and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards of sympathy, flowers and support during the recent sad loss of Eric. Many thanks to everyone who attended the funeral and all those who kindly made donations to Queenscourt hospice. Thank you so much to all the staff at Queenscourt hospice for their care and support over the past months. Special thanks to Heather, Dave and all staff at the Care Agency for their care and support. Grateful thanks to Liz and her fantastic team at Lyndale nursing home for their care of Eric, Rev Roy Doran for a lovely service and to all at Howard's funeral directors for their support throughout all the arrangements.

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DEATHS

BROWN
ELIZABETH
'BETH'

Died 12th January 2020
Aged 68 years

Died peacefully at home. Loving Wife of Roy. Much loved Mum of Richard and Anna. Beth will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at St Philip & St Paul with Wesley, Southport on Thursday 6th February at 10:15am followed by a committal at Southport Crematorium. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

WALKER
JEAN
(NÉE RICE)

Passed away peacefully on January 23rd 2020, aged 84.

Beloved Wife of Micky, dear Sister to Bill and Joan. Will be remembered with love by all who knew her.

Funeral to be held at Thornton Crematorium Wednesday 5th Feb 2020 at 12:40 PM. Family flowers only please C/O McCallum & Tritton, Funeral Services 46 Mersey View Liverpool L22 2AH.

FORSHAW
ELIZABETH
(BETTY)

23rd January 2020
Passed away peacefully in hospital with George and her Girls.
aged 78 years

Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 6th February 2020 at 4:00pm. No flowers please by request but donations if so desired please for The Stroke Association and Diabetes UK. For further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

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DEATHS

PARRY BENITA ANNE
(NEE MARCHANT)

15th January 2020 peacefully at Lancaster Court Residential Home, Aged 90 years.

Dearly beloved Wife of the late John Ernest. Much loved Mum of Diana, Gaynor, Janice, Linda and Sharon. Devoted Grannie to all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Benita will be sadly missed by family, friends and all who knew her. Requiem Mass will take place at Sacred Heart RC Church on Friday 7th February at 2.30pm followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 4.00pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for SSAFA North West. Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport PR8 6SG Tel: (01704) 501501.

ASPINALL JOYCE

18th January 2020

Aged 80 Years

Dearly loved Wife of Alan, loving Mum of Sharon, dear Mother-in -law of Trevor, devoted Nanny of Harriet. Joyce will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. A service to celebrate her life will be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Friday 31st January 2020 at 11am. Family flowers only please, donations will be gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice, Southport. Donations and further enquiries to

David Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, TarletonPR4 6RJ. Telephone 01772 811165

DEATHS

ARNOLD EDNA

Passed away suddenly, peacefully at Park Grove Care Home 17th January 2020 aged 96 years

A much loved Mum of Laura and Lisa. Dear Mother-in-Law of Steve and Rick. A much loved Auntie of Terry, Pat, Kath, Billy and partners. Funeral Service will take place at Burscough Methodist Church on Thursday 13th February 2020 at 1pm, followed by interment at St John the Baptist Church. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Burscough Methodist Church. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

ROTHWELL ALAN

26th January 2020

Peacefully at his home in Parbold aged 75 years

The dearly loved Husband of Val. Loving Dad of Gary and Julie and devoted Grandad of Poppy and Charlie. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 6th February 2020 at 10:00am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

DUNPHY NORMA

Passed away peacefully 15th January 2020 aged 91 years

Much loved Mum to Janet and Lisa. Beloved Nana to Michelle, Lynsey, Jenny, Lauren, Mark, Nathan and Melissa and Great Grandmother to 13. Will be sadly missed by all her family. Funeral to be held on Monday 3rd February at 1pm at Ormskirk Parish Church. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Dementia UK. Thank you to all the staff at Stocks Hall for all their loving care and compassion they showed to Norma. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Services, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

HOGAN JOSEPH PETER

18th January 2020

Peacefully aged 79 years

Loving Husband of the late Kathleen. Dad of Cathy, Rita and Jackie. Grandad of Daniel, Amy, Sam and Joseph. Great Grandad of Albie. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West lancashire Crematorium on Friday 7th February at 2pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Tommy's Charity. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

DEATHS

MAWDSLEY PETER

On 19th January 2020 Peacefully in Hospital Aged 80 years

Dearly loved Brother of Alan (deceased), John and Susan, dear Brother in Law of Garry and Dianne, and a dearly loved Uncle and Great Uncle. Funeral service and Interment will take place at St. Peters Church of England Church, Mawdesley on Friday 31st January at 12:00 noon. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

REDHEAD MICHAEL FREDERICK

January 16th 2020 Peacefully at home Aged 96 years.

Beloved Husband of Beryl. Much loved Dad of Tricia and David. Cherished Father-in-Law of Mike and Ruth. Loving Grandad to all of his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Michael will be very sadly missed by all of his loving family and friends. The funeral service will be held at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday 29th December at 2:40pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research (North West) c/o H. Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

DEATHS

ASHCROFT WENDY

26th January 2020 Peacefully at her home in Bickerstaffe aged 63 years

The dearly loved daughter of Gladys and the late John. Loving Sister of Alison, dear Sister in law of Bryan, much loved Auntie of Barry & Emma and Great Auntie to Poppy. Funeral service and interment at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe on Friday 7th February 2020 at 10:30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co. Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

HORNYAK MICK

28th December 2019

Aged 67 years

Mick will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Ormskirk, L40 7SP on Friday 31st January at 3:00pm. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

BENTHAM OLIVE MARION

6th January 2020 Suddenly in hospital aged 78 years

Loving Wife of the late Alan. Devoted Mum of Alan, Irene, Julie and Graham. Dear Mother in law of Debbie, cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St.Helens Crematorium on Thursday 6th February at 9.30am. Family flowers only please by request. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

McCARTHY BARRY

6th January 2020

Aged 71 years

Died peacefully at home. Father to Helen and friend to many in the Southport birdwatching community. Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 4th February at 12.40pm. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

CLARKE

PATRICIA (NEE WILLIAMS)

On Sunday 19th January 2020 Passed away unexpectedly Aged 88 years in Southport Hospital

Dearly loved Wife of Norman James Clarke and devoted Mother to Carol, Kevin, Paul and Ian. Loving Mother-in-Law to Malcolm, Charatwan, Gill and Rachel. Loving Nanna to all her Grandchildren.

NORMAN JAMES

On Thursday 23rd January 2020 Passed away peacefully Aged 90 years in Manchester House, Southport.

Dearly loved Husband of Patricia Clarke and devoted Father to Carol, Kevin, Paul and Ian. Loving Father-in-Law to Malcolm, Charatwan, Gill and Rachel. Loving Grandad to all his Grandchildren.

The Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 4th February at 12.00 noon at St Marie's Roman Catholic Church, Seabank Road, Southport. Followed by the Interment at 1.30pm at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cemetery, Liverpool Road, Southport. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for CAFOD. Donations and further enquires please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. 01704 214118

LEE JOAN TERESA

18th January 2020 Peacefully at her home aged 87 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Wife of Terry. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral service at St Richards RC Church, Skelmersdale on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 10:15am followed by interment at West Derby Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

MAY ERIC

16th January 2020 Peacefully in hospital aged 58 years of Burscough

The dearly loved Husband of Andrea, loving dad of Christopher and Charlotte and a much loved Son, Brother, Brother in Law and Uncle. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 31st January 2020 at 4:00pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Myeloma UK or Amylodiasis Society or Royal Liverpool Hospital. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

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22nd January 2020
Peacefully at home
aged 81 years

Loving Husband of Edna.
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Donations are yet to be confirmed.
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RIMMER DEREK (BROO)

Passed away peacefully in Acacia Court
Aged 89 Years.

Dearly beloved Husband of Audrey. A much loved Father to Pauline, Lynn and Ian. A wonderful Grandad and Great Grandad. He will be missed by his family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 10.40am.
Family flowers only please but if so desired donations can be made to Queenscourt Hospice.
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DEATHS

ISHERWOOD JACK

Sadly passed away
19th January 2020
following a short illness
aged 81 years

Will be sadly missed by Wife Kathy, Sons David and Martin & families.

We love you dearly and you will be forever in our hearts as our loving Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad.
Rest in peace from all the family.

Funeral at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation.
All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997 hunters.ormskirk@dignityfunerals.co.uk

LEVITT GEOFFREY

Passed away peacefully
19th January 2020
aged 78 years

Dearly Loved Husband of Maureen, Much Loved Dad of Paul and Anne-Marie. Father in law of Christine and Paul. Loving Grandad of Samantha, Emily, Adam and Lucy.
Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Thursday 30th January 2020 at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for Macmillan Nurses and Autism - The National Autistic Society.
Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road, North, Burscough L40 5TP Tel: 01704 891555

DEATHS

McMINN JAMES WILLIAMSON 'Jimmy Mac'

After a long illness on 16th January 2020, aged 88 years

Much loved Husband of the late Marie. Much loved Dad of Paul, Sandra, Yvonne and Ceppy. Dear Father-In-Law of Paul and Kate. Devoted Grandad of all his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Loving Brother of all his brothers and sisters now deceased.
A much loved Uncle of all his Nieces and Nephews. Jimmy will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton, on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 1pm followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium at 2.40pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Dementia UK.
Further enquiries please to W H Hull, 81 Church Road, Tarleton. PR4 6UP Tel: 01772 812409.

LLOYD JOHN CHARLES

15th January 2020
After a long illness peacefully at Dovehaven Care Home aged 67 years.

Loving husband of Jo. Much loved dad of Karen and John. Loving grandad to Aidan. Dear brother of Glenys. John will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.
Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 3.20pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Southport Kidney Fund.
Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ.
Tel 01704 532106

DEATHS

McNAMARA DFC LEONARD HENRY 'LEN'

Passed away peacefully on 11th January 2020 with his loving family by his side at Thomas Henshaw Court, aged 95 years.

Loving Husband of the late Irene. Much loved Father of Janet, Pat, Michael, Keith, Diane and Andrew. Father-In-Law to Ray, Allan, Suzanne, Dave and Cath. A loving Grandad Mac to all his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.
Len will be sadly missed by all who knew him.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 7th February 2020 at 11.20am.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for RAF Benevolent Fund.
Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeral Directors. 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

MINSHULL KEITH WILLIAM

Suddenly on
9th January 2020
Aged 53 years.

Beloved Husband of Christine, much loved Son of Bill and the late Joyce. Loving Brother of Karen and Alison. Brother in law of Jeanette. Devoted Uncle to all of his Nieces and Nephews. Keith will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 5th February at 1.20pm.
Family flowers only please but if so desired donations can be made to Queenscourt Hospice.
Donations and all enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ.
Tel 01704 21271

DEATHS

HUYTON JAMES ALBERT (BERT)

Peacefully on
27th January 2020
in hospital and formerly of Upholland
aged 87 years

Beloved Husband of the late Margaret. Dearly loved Dad of Gill. Dear Father in law of Ian and loving Grandad to Stuart. He will be sadly missed.
Funeral service will take place on Monday 10th February 2020 at St Thomas The Martyr at 11.30am followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium.
Family flowers only please, donations if desired to St Thomas The Martyr and Alzheimer's Society.
All enquiries to R. Banks & Son (Funerals) Ltd. Stretton House, 23 Hall Green, Upholland Wigan. Tel: 01695 622099. www.rbanksandson.co.uk

HORNBY JAMES (JIM)

21st January 2020
Peacefully in hospital after a short illness
aged 95 years
of Aughton

The dearly loved Husband of the late Janina. Loving Dad of Christina, Angela and Derek (deceased), devoted Grandad of Alex and Karl and Great Grandad to his four great Grandaughters.
Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 6th Febuary 2020 at 1:00pm.
Family flowers only please, donations if desired for The Royal British Legion.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

HUNTER ENID FLORENCE (née MINSHULL)

12TH January 2020
Aged 83 years

Dearly loved Wife of Eric. Much loved Mum to Jayne and Fiona and Mum-in-Law to Oliver and Martyn. Wonderful Nanna to Josh, Gaby, Esme, Louis, Florence and Henry and Great Nanna to Aurelia. Loving Sister to Barbara, Bill and the late Audrey, Jean and Kenneth. Cherished Auntie and Great Auntie. Supportive and caring, Enid will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral service to be held at St Johns Church of England Church, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale on Monday 3rd February at 11.00am, followed by a committal at Southport Crematorium.
Family flowers only by request but donations may be made to the British Heart Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Support if desired.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Tel: 01704 500086

WEBSTER JOHN STUART

19th January 2020
aged 81 years
Passed away peacefully in hospital after a short illness

Dearly loved Husband of Jane.
Loving Dad to Stuart and Anita. Loving Grandad to Michael, Hayley and Jade and Great Grandad to Frazer and Caitlin.
Funeral service to be held on 10th February 2020 at 2pm West Lancashire Crematorium (Burscough).
Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research & The Stroke Association.
Further enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk, Lancashire L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

DEATHS

PUENTE OLASCOAGA MAVIS

18th January 2020
Peacefully in hospital
aged 85 years.

Dearly beloved Wife of the Late Antonio. Much loved Mum of Anthony, Tarina, Maria and Elena. Dear Mother-in-law to Wendy, David, Mark and the late Dave. Loving Nana to all her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Dear Sister of Ann, Keith and Edward.
Mavis will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 12.00 noon.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Alzheimer's Society.
Further enquiries please to Co-operative Funeralcare, 254 Liverpool Road, Birkdale, Southport, PR8 4PD. Tel: 01704 550011

ROBINSON LESLEY (NEE RODEN)

Passed suddenly at home on 4th January 2020
Aged 52 years

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Much loved Mum of Michael, Gareth, Craig, Wade and Maddie.
Lesley will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 7th February 2020 at 2pm.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Freshfields Animal Rescue.
Further enquires please to Moisters Funeral Directors. 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

DEATHS

RIMMER JOHN

Passed away peacefully
16th January 2020
aged 76 years
of Burscough

Dearly loved Husband of Pauline.
Much loved Dad of Clare, Alison and her partner Stuart. Dear Brother of Joseph and Brother-in-law of Margaret.
Loved and missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service and Interment at St. Johns C.E. Church, Burscough on Thursday 30th January 2020, at 11.00am.
Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Alzheimer's Society and St Johns C.E. Church Burscough.

Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a Liverpool Road North Burscough. L40 5TP. Tel: 01704 891555.

MONTGOMERY MOIRA ELINOR

Peacefully at home on 25th January 2020, aged 82 years.

Dearly loved wife of the late Louis.
Much loved mum of Fiona and Tricia.
Loving grandma of Daniel and Amy.
Dear mother-in-law to Andy.
Moira will be sadly missed by all who knew her.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 6th February 2020 at 2.00pm.
Family flowers only please, but donations are being gratefully received by the family for Queenscourt Hospice.
Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport. PR8 6SG Tel 01704 501501.

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DEATHS

ABBOTT
MARY-LOU

To our lovely Niece and Cousin Mary-Lou Abbott. We still cant believe you are no longer with us. Taken too soon. We love you.

Graham and Anita, Lauren, Emma and Charlie
xxxxx

ABBOTT
MARY-LOU

aged 22 years

Our lovely Niece, Goddaughter and Cousin.
We are still in complete disbelief that you're gone. So kind, caring and clever, you had so much to give. How lucky we are to have known such a beautiful, remarkable young lady.
Our family will never be the same without you.
Love and miss you always.

Uncle Phil, Auntie Angela, Lewis, Liam, Rachel & Families
xxxxx

LAWRENCE
ELLEN

Ellen Lawrence of Crosby aged 77 years passed away peacefully on January 16th at Hesketh Park Lodge, Southport

Cherished Wife, Mother, Sister, Grandmother and friend. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Rosary and funeral. Rosary to be held on Thursday 30th January at 5pm at David Cleggs Funeral Parlour, 77/79 Bridge Road, Litherland. Funeral Mass to be held on Friday 31st January at 2pm at St Helens Church, 112 Alexander Road, Crosby followed by burial at Thornton Garden of Rest, Lydiate Lane, Thornton. Family Flowers only, donations payable to Choices Day Centre.

DEATHS

BUXTON
HARRY

Passed away peacefully on 22nd January in Queenscourt Hospice

Loving Husband of Eve, much loved Dad of Catherine, Jennie and Tim. Dear Father in law of Stewart and Paul. Greatly loved Grandad of Alexandra, Jonathon, Olivia and Corah.
The funeral service will take place at St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 5th February at 10am followed by the committal at Southport Crematorium at 11.20am.
Family flowers only by request, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG Tel: 01704 214118

PARRY
BENITA
ANNE

Aged 90 years
Died peacefully on the 15th January 2020
at Lancaster Court Residential Home

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ELMS
FLORENCE
JEAN

11th January 2020
aged 71 years

Beloved Wife of Phil. Loving Mum to Philip and Daniel. Dear Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Funeral service at Green Acres Woodland Burial, Rainford on Friday 31st January at 10am.
Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services Tel:01695 731199

IN MEMORIAM

DRAPER
JAMES

29th January 2019

I sit by your grave and weep, silently not to disturb your sleep.
Rest in peace my beautiful Son, it wont be long before we are one.
While I lie by your side and talk, no secrets to hide, tell me James, what did I do wrong.
What should I have done to make you strong, now I sit here and cry.

Love Mum, Dad and family
xxx

BRANDON
SUSAN
(SUE)

29th January 2018

Today, recalls sad memories,
Of a dear wife gone to rest,
And the one who thinks of her today is the one who loves her best.

Thank you for the years we shared
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I never will.

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xxx

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5246 LANCASTER LANE, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold from Miry Lane, Parbold to Tan House Lane, Parbold.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Saturday 15th February 2020 until 2000 hours on Sunday 23rd February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold – The Common, Parbold – Station Road, Parbold – Mill Lane, Windmill Bridge – A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the replacement of a dilapidated manhole and the installation of a new surface water connection to be carried out by Lee Contracting Ltd.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21148/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U905 GREETBY HILL, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of U905 Greetby Hill, Ormskirk from Waterworks Road, Ormskirk to U909 Tower Hill, Ormskirk.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Monday 17th February 2020 until 2359 hours on Friday 21st February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U909 Tower Hill, Ormskirk – A577 Wigan Road, Ormskirk – A577 Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk – A577 Crosshall Brow, Westhead – A577 Wigan Road, Westhead – C160 Dicks Lane, Lathom – B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom – U5290 Hobcross Lane, Lathom – U905 Blythe Lane, Lathom – U905 Dark Lane, Ormskirk – U905 Greetby Hill, Ormskirk and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow disconnection and abandonment of existing clean water main and redundant covers and frames to be carried out by Advance on behalf of United Utilities.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21883/EW]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C107 COTTAGE LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C107 Cottage Lane, Ormskirk from The Reeds, Ormskirk for a distance of 30m in a North Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours until 1530 hours on Saturday 15th February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C107 Cottage Lane, Ormskirk – C132 Halsall Lane, Ormskirk – A59 County Road, Ormskirk – C107 Cottage Lane, Ormskirk and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the replacement of a frame and cover to be carried out by Amey on behalf of United Utilities.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21867/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/1153/FUL Replacement of existing steel framed single glazed windows and wooden doors with upvc gouble glazed units and replacement upvc soffits and fascias at Friars Wood, Lancaster Lane, Parbold.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2020/0006/FUL Erection of new process building within the existing site curtilage and extension of existing car park at Trelleborg C R P Ltd, Stanley Way, Stanley Industrial Estate, Skelmersdale.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Acts 1981 applies.
2020/0034/FUL Replacement windows and doors at 8 Apple Hey, Appley Bridge.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days* of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
*17 days in the case of applications for Permission in Principle.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
How information about you will be used
Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.
Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 29th January 2020
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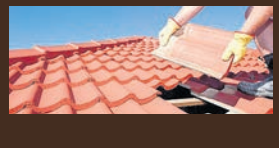

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Plucky mud-plugger is very much in range

CANCEL the lilies and chuck your funeral clobber back in the wardrobe. The Suzuki Jimny is alive and well.

Over the past week or so there have been rumours suggesting that Britain's favourite bitesize off-roader was about to face the chop, but since then Suzuki's UK division has itself decided to try and quash what it calls 'media speculation' - and insists that the plucky little mud-plugger is still very much part of its range.

So how has a funky, go-anywhere companion that offers Land Rover-bating talent in the rough stuff for a fraction of the price – and been picked up an enviable haul of gongs from the motoring mags in the process – been put on life support?

It's all to do with emissions, and specifically, the average amount of carbon dioxide across an entire carmaker's range.

The Jimny has a relatively inoffensive 1.5-litre petrol engine, but unlike, say, Nissan with its LEAF or Vauxhall with its latest Corsa-e, there aren't yet any zero-emissions Suzuki offerings to offset a range entirely dependent on petrol engines.

Sure, it's fitting the Swift with hybrid technology in the spring, but that's a fairly small shuffle compared to the giant leaps European legislation is now demanding, and it's the same thinking that's making city cars – where the benefits of pricey electric tech get harder and harder to square up - increasingly un-economic to develop.

All of which leaves the Jimny on a bit of a sticky wicket, which is a shame because it's a cracking little car.

Sure, it might be equipped with a distinctly old-fashioned ladder frame chassis and not be the most inspiring thing through the corners, but that's precisely why it's won so many people over; in a world full of bland, me-too crossovers this is a proper small off-roader

So it doesn't have a pricey all-electric option. So what?

I reckon the long-term solution is for Suzuki to team up with its latest minority shareholder – a small up 'n' coming carmaker called Toyota, who you might have heard of – and get some tried and trusted electric cars onto the market sooner rather than later.

It might even be worth doing an all-electric Jimny, as reportedly the factory back in Japan's working at full pelt to try and meet all the orders.

Put it this way; the old Jimny survived 20 years in Suzuki's showrooms because so many people loved it, and that car's predecessor managed another 16 years before that.

It'd be a crying shame if the current one's caught out after just two.

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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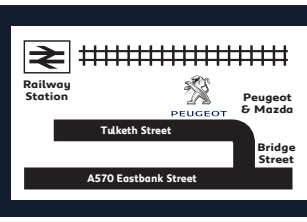

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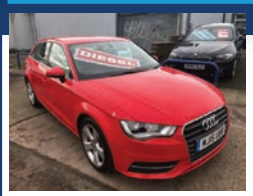

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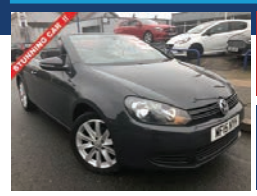

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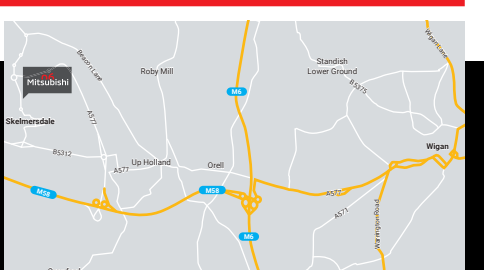

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Emini Adegbenro scores Skelmersdale's second goal. Picture by John Driscoll.

Life is looking up for both local teams

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

BOTH local teams are away on Saturday but both are beginning to look upon the remainder of the season far more positively than they were a couple of months ago.

Skelmersdale United, now back in their home town, are seeing a huge rise in attendances and a serious lift in performances especially at home.

Burscough are also looking a lot stronger outfit as manager Nick Matthews is able to bring in more experienced players and recent results back up that theory.

Both teams have struggled to get away from the relegation zone in the North West Counties Premier Division, however both teams have won three out of their last six league games and the boost it has given them is tangible.

Skelmersdale have seen their home gates rise dramatically and their form has matched the attendances, winning three out of four home games, their only defeat being against runaway league leaders 1874 Northwich and that only 3-2.

This week they brought in experienced striker Jason Carey.

Burscough have brought in new signings that have clearly had an impact and although they are far from safe from relegation, the situation looks nowhere near as gloomy as it did.

Skelmersdale play relegation strugglers Padiham away on Saturday and on form they are probably favourites to bring back the three points, Burscough have an away game at third placed Charnock Richard on Saturday, but won't cross Parbold Hill without hope.

Next week Skelmersdale have a midweek encounter at the JMO Sports Park at Blaguegate Lane against Rylands on Tuesday, February 4 followed by another home encounter on Saturday, February 8 against Irlam.

Burscough don't have a midweek game next week but for the first time ever will welcome Avro to Victoria Park on Saturday, February 8.

Double late goal agony denies Skem taking points against leaders

Skelmersdale United 2
1874 Northwich 3

AFTER defeat on the road the previous week, United's home record suffered a blow with a 3-2 loss against league leading 1874 Northwich, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

Paul McNally handed newly re-signed Jason Carey his second debut, Khalil Osi-Efa and Daniel Murphy returned from injury and Gabriel Ellis made his first start for the club.

United took the lead in style with just five minutes played, Gabriel Ellis' blistering run saw him cross low for Jason Carey who fired past Tony Aghayere into the top corner for 1-0.

Lee Jackson looked to level for 74 with a powerful long-range effort which drew a diving save from Barnes and minutes later, Stuart Wellstead connected to a free-kick to head narrowly past the far post. 74 continued to threaten with a low shot from Callum Gardner forcing Barnes to tip the ball around the near post.

Despite their chances, the visitors were to fall 2-0 down just after the half hour mark, Ellis capitalising on a clearance from Aghayere to flick into the path of Emini Adegbenro who slotted in to double United's lead.

Adegbenro should have doubled his tally within minutes as he connected with an aerial pass from Carey on the volley but his effort despite beating Aghayere went achingly past the far post.

The visitors had two chances in the space of a few seconds as both Jake Parker and Hare saw efforts blocked by Barnes and the United defenders.

Like the first half, 74 began the second period brightest with Harry Cain cutting inside and forcing a stop from Barnes with a cross which fell into the path of Mark Jones who himself forced a point-blank stop from the United 'keeper.

74 were handed a chance to cut the deficit with 50 minutes played as Cain was apparently upended by the challenges of Ben Stanton and Jack Grimshaw, Callum Gardner stepped up and slotted past the dive of Barnes for 2-1.

Northwich were almost gifted a leveller as Cain's cross cannoned off Dan Murphy with Barnes saving his defender but in doing so pushed the ball against the post with Murphy then clearing the danger.

Gardner looked for his second goal of the afternoon with a lofted effort travelling past the post before he set up Parker who lifted the ball narrowly over the bar.

Another dangerous cross from Cain saw Parker force a defensive block from close range while at the other end, substitute Will Dunne sent a shot narrowly past the post from outside the area

As the match crept towards added time, a mix-up between Stanton and Barnes gave 74's Wellstead the goal to aim at but before he could shoot, he was taken out by Stanton. The referee pointed to the spot and Matt Woolley stepped up and sent Barnes the wrong way to level at 2-2.

United could have restored the lead with three minutes of the five minutes added time with Carey firing a shot achingly past the post and the miss was to prove costly as a long pass from Jackson minutes later found Gardner who advanced into the box before slotting past Barnes to complete the turnaround and surely seal the win for 74 at 3-2.

Skelmersdale Utd: Barnes (c), Davies, Jarrett, Osi-Efa (Dunne 77), Murphy, Stanton, Ellis (Staunton 70), Carey, Brodie (Griffiths 75), J. Grimshaw, Adegbenro. Subs not used - Glennon, Tyrer.
1874 Northwich: Aghayere, Koral, Tinning, (Russell 75), Jackson, Jones, Parker, Gardner, Woolley, Wellstead, Hare, Cain. Subs not used- Hinds, Weir, Duckworth, McGowan.
Attendance 302

Salkeld strike seals a valuable win for Linnets

Burscough1
Congleton Town 0

A GOAL in the 69th minute from James Salkeld was enough to give the Linnets three valuable points on Saturday, that ease the pressure in the Linnets relegation fight with a defeat for Litherland Remyca creating a three point safety gap in Burscough's favour, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Burscough were boosted by the return of the experienced Kevin Pollard in midfield and at centre-half Luke Gibson has rejoined the club after a spell away, the two made a difference as Burscough looked far more solid down the middle than they have for most of this season.

Congleton started well but two attempts from Dan Cope failed to find the target, one blocked away the other going wide.

Burscough's first serious attack came from Dale Korie-Butler, the former Widnes man latched onto the ball in the middle of the park and ran at goal, his well struck shot being tipped over the crossbar by Congleton goalkeeper Craig Ellison.

Headers from Cope and Josh Ryder threatened Burscough, but only a last ditch challenge kept out the Linnets at the other end.

As the interval beckoned Burscough's Conor Christiansen should have done better with a shot that went high and wide, while Burscough goalkeeper Dave Jones parried away a shot from Kyle Diskin. The finale saw a Linnets free-kick firmly grasped by visiting keeper Ellison.

The second half kept up pretty much the same tempo as the first-half, with both teams looking to win and it was only moments into the half that keeper Ellison kept Burscough at bay, saving at feet in a one on one situation.

In the 69th minute the hardworking Linnets midfield interrupted another midfield move by Congleton and the ball was fed to Salkeld, he ran on through the visitors defence and fired low into the bottom corner, it was an excellent finish to give Burscough a 1-0 lead.

Linnets scorer James Salkeld in action against Congleton. Picture by Marc Taylor.

Congleton pushed to equalise but a strong determined Burscough backline defended well and Congleton's best effort was an Aaron Bott header that Jones did well to hold onto.

As the game entered the latter stages Burscough looked more and more comfortable, Congleton were still pushing forward but in truth they were posing few problems and by the final whistle a Linnets win was almost a formality.

The return of Pollard and Gibson has given Burscough a strength down the middle that they have lacked all season and the pair will make Burscough a much tougher proposition, it will be crucial as the season goes to its conclusion but must give Nick Matthews team confidence.

Burscough: Jones, O'Brien, Fleming, Gibson, Kinsella, Pollard, Christiansen, Pope, Korie-Butler, Salkeld, Lomax C.

Congleton Town: Ellison, Brislen, Morris, Bergin, Ryder, Booth, Diskin, Freakes, Cope, Bott, Bridge

Attendance: 78

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Focus on Business

Cygnet Kitchens

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A new kitchen is a major decision and purchase for any homeowner.It has to be designed and installed to suit your needs and made of the highest quality materials at a price that's affordable to you.

As one of the most used and visible spaces in your home you need someone who will help you make the most of the space and help you decide what will be the most practical solution for your family - this is what Cygnet pride themselves on.

Opened in 2013 by Paul Wilkinson and Brian Critchley, Cygnet Kitchens, based in Ormskirk, quickly established itself as a well respected, independent, family run business who stop at nothing to ensure you receive nothing but satisfaction from start to finish. Paul and Brian have 40 years experience and take pride in their well deserved reputation with 80% of their new business coming from recommendations. Paul points out "this is probably the most important aspect of the business to us. 100% customer satisfaction is what we strive to deliver to every job".

With one of the largest kitchen showrooms in the North West, Cygnet Kitchens offer a huge choice. Fom the latest trends in ultra modern to traditional kitchens to suit every taste. A wide range of German kitchens by Schuller (Kitchens for Life) are also on display here. Sourcing and utilising the very best quality products at the best prices they pride themselves on being able to adapt to their customers requirements with clever storage solutions, a great layout, and lighting options to create the perfect space you are dreaming of.
From your very first phone call or step into the showroom you can be sure of expert friendly advice to make the process enjoyable and hassle free. They are able to take on board your ideas and develop them while making suggestions and improvements along the way using highly trained technicians who will always go the extra mile to ensure each job is delivered on time and within the agreed budget. All jobs are project managed and only highly trained quality tradesman are used from start to finish.

Add to this partnership with some of the biggest and highly regarded brands in the UK (AEG, BOSCH and SIEMENS to name but a few) you can put your trust in Cygnet Kitchens to make your kitchen dreams a reality.

The first designated Michael Roux Jnr kitchen showroom is now up and running at their Swan Alley showroom fully dedicated to offering the very latest modern kitchen styles from a Michelin star chef. The all new showroom has a fully working Cook Centre designed for customers to try out appliances and see what your kitchen would benefit from most before making a purchase.
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PICTURES FROM THE SHOWROOM

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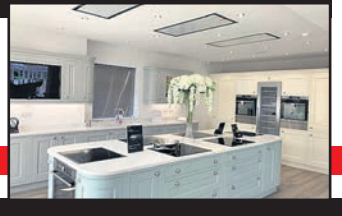

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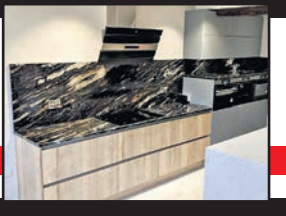

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Focus on Business

Mossock Hall Golf Club

Established in 1996 Mossock Hall Golf Club is a par 71 course set in 130 acres of beautiful countryside on the Lancashire/Merseyside border. It is conveniently located close to the North West's major road networks (just minutes from junction 3 M58) yet it maintains a peaceful tranquillity when out on the course.
Mossock Hall Golf Club can boast that the course is open all year round. This is largely due to the fine planning of the course in the development and construction stages, combined with the investment of a quality drainage system and superb USGA greens.

Visitors frequently offer their compliments on the course in general and particularly the quality of the greens.

Mossock Hall Functions

Mossock Hall Golf Club is the perfect venue for your wedding, birthday party, christening or any other celebratory occasion. Offering the very best facilities coupled with courteous and professional staff. There is a choice of function suites including a spacious marquee or the upstairs function suite in the 18th Century Clubhouse.

Mossock Hall Lessons

PGA qualified professional Brad Millar Tel: 01695 424969. All ages and abilities catered for, individual or group lessons.

Mossock Hall Visitor Golf

From as little as £28.00 per person including bacon barm and coffee on arrival. Societies are welcome any day of the week, including weekends from 1.00pm, with food available ranging from bacon barms to 3 course meals. Although the course is ideal for all abilities and is quite flat there are buggies available to hire.
You don't need to be a member to enjoy Mossock Hall. Green fees from just £24 during February and March are available to book through the Pro Shop - please call for details and availability.

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Feel Great for 2020

Linden Tree Health helps people experience better health and more happiness through diet and lifestyle change. Erica Gibbon, nutritional therapist, offers a trained eye to identify things you can do to make most impact. 'I use functional medicine by working in partnership with my clients to identify and address the root cause of symptoms for them individually. We all have different diets, lifestyles, environmental exposures, emotions, biochemistry and genetics, so finding what is best for you isn't always easy on your own.'

Erica realises that giving people the tools to believe in themselves and make it easy to follow through is just as important as the information she provides. 'If someone doesn't feel able to change or that the results won't be worth it, they're unlikely to take the action needed'. Getting people excited about gorgeous, nourishing food that really allows them to do their 'thing' in the world was key for Erica when she set up her clinic in Birkdale, Southport, seeing clients 1-2-1.

'If food doesn't ignite passion and give pleasure, I'm not sure how that can be healthful' she says. 'It's so much a part of who we are and how we socialise so it needs to be inspiring and enjoyable. Building a great relationship with food can be lifechanging.

In addition to her Birkdale clinic, the Penta hotel in Warrington has become 'home from home' for Feel Great Retreats that Erica has been running regularly for the last 3 years with her business partner, Laura Johnson. We get great feedback from the weekends' Erica tells me. People tell us they love the ethos and cameraderie and we have a lot of fun.

Erica's newest project a 12-week community-based programme she is organising locally with other wellness professionals. It kicks off with a free seminar at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Meeting Rooms, Hillside on 5th February 1pm. 'I'll explain opportunities available over the next 3 months and it'll be followed by a workshop - Nutrition and Lifestyle for Brain Health - that will be relevant for everyone and especially useful for people wanting to improve their memory and/or mood.'

And talking of fun, Erica has joined with 25 other business-women from around the world to co-author a book, 'Joy: Recipes for Abundance' that is due to be published on Amazon next week. 'We simply want people to experience more Joy so we hope this book will inspire people, no matter what their circumstances.' You can find further information at http://learnmoreabout.info/joy

TESTIMONIALS

"Although I have some way to go, I am on the right path and I know that Erica is there to help. I look forward to every session, it is always worth it and I always come away with something to work on to help me deal with the stresses that life throws at me."

Sarah

"It was surprisingly painless and now most of the forbidden foods are back on the menu and my energy levels have improved considerably."

Trevor

"My first session was invaluable and I came away really focused. With each session I feel really inspired and motivated. Erica also communicated with my GP and with help from both I have been able to come off some of my medication which I am really pleased about. It has all had such a good impact on my self esteem. Thank you!"

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Focus on Business

Home Instead

Awards evening celebrates the county's best business partners

Pictured (from left to right) Professor George Talbot, Director Gail Godson, Professor Simon Bolton and Managing Director Robert Godson

The first awards evening hosted by Edge Hill's Productivity and Innovation Centre brought together some of the finest SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) and business partners from across Lancashire. Pro vice-chancellor Professor George Talbot welcomed 96 guests to celebrate the significant progress and improvements businesses had made since completing the university's unique Innovation Sprint Programme, designed to help businesses develop strategies for profitable growth. Professor Simon Bolton, creator of the programme, said: "Our inaugural business awards are a testament to Lancashire's most ambitious SMEs. Following completion of our 2018-19 programme, the businesses have implemented significant change within their organisations, which has resulted in profitable growth. We are delighted to share in their success." Prior to the awards began, guests heard from Danny Simpson, CEO of MID Communications Ltd., who described his career journey and how his passion and determination drove him to achieve and build his business to the success it is today. He is head of the largest independent franchise of Telefonica O2 UK, providing both B2B and B2C services across 17 retail stores throughout the North West and a business centre based in Rochdale. Business development manager for the PIC, Michael Banford, announced the awards, including Outstanding SME Award winner Home Instead West Lancashire and Chorley. Director Gail Godson, said: "Winning the award was a total and utter shock, we couldn't believe it. The entire awards evening was wonderful, being surrounded by so many successful Lancashire based entrepreneurs and business any one of which could have been chosen as worthy Outstanding SME Award winners. "Being rated by our regulator, the Care Quality Commission, as outstanding is a credit to the skills, dedication and professionalism of all our wonderful staff, but to now be recognised as an Outstanding SME by EHU PIC, academia and the wider business community is simply amazing." During the evening guests also took part in a silent auction to win a range of prizes to raise funds for Derian House Children's Hospice in Chorley, a charity that Professor Simon Bolton has fund-raised for by taking part in five 5K runs over five weeks. To date, PIC has raised more than £1,400 for the hospice. Other awards presented on the night included the Technology Innovation Award, Product or Service Innovation Award, Business Model Innovation Award and Growth and Business Aw a rd . The Productivity and Innovation Centre is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund to provide innovation support and advisory services to Lancashire-based SMEs.

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This week saw the opening of our newly refurbished top floor - Aughton View by The Mayor of West Lancashire Borough Council, Councillor Gaynar Owen. From this room residents can enjoy the beautiful grounds from the comfort of the indoors.

"From the efficiency and professionalism of the management team to the caring and welcoming attitude of all staff, nothing was too much trouble."
Independent relative review, carehome.co.uk

"My mum gets the best care in the world at Aughton Park."
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It's a wonderfully welcoming space designed to help us deliver personalised care in a warm, supportive and safe environment. We also offer short-term respite care.

Our calm, sensory garden is a lovely, safe area to relax and our coffee shop is the perfect place to enjoy a drink with friends and family. We also have our own hair salon for a spot of pampering.

We've a full and varied schedule of events and activities which people can participate in as they choose. We help and support residents to explore their interests and to discover new ones. Whether they are into music or love to bake, enjoy gardening, arts and crafts, bingo or church services, we provide something for everyone. We also have a dedicated chaplain and offer music therapy for our residents living with dementia.

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Checkers of Churchtown

Do you ever want to buy just one screw? Or ask someone for a bit of advice on the tools required for a particular job? Or have timber cut to size?

When you think home design, one of the first things that springs to mind is Checkers of Churchtown. After 39 years of trading in Southport, this family run business really does have the answers to everything.

Checkers of Churchtown are a traditional DIY retailer. They believe passionately in good friendly service and think you should have the best advice available.

First welcomed by the local community back in 1980, Checkers of Churchtown started out in business selling timber, wallboards, plywood, melamine and beading etc., all of which could be cut to size (a service which is still available at Checkers to present day) They also offered an extensive range of hardware, something quite unusual for a local DIY shop at the time. It was this base that soon led to their huge success in the area and in turn opened new doors for the company, expanding into Kitchens, Bedrooms, Bathrooms, Wallpaper and fabrics.

Take a walk through Checkers showroom today and you will be amazed at the huge range of displays and home furnishings. Put together with style and flair, their showroom designs are specially created to tap into your imagination and open your mind into new layouts and colour schemes.
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Checkers of Churchtown cater for all tastes in home design. Whether your chosen style is contemporary or more traditional, there's a wide range of ideas and styles in all Bathrooms, Kitchens, Bedrooms, Sliding door systems and Soft furnishings.

With a full measure, design and installation service available, the whole job can be dealt with by the experts. The family is also very proud of their wallpaper and fabric showroom with many big names on offer such as Sanderson, William Morris, Osborne & Little, Harlequin and many many more.

It's said in fact that with over 200 wallpaper designs in stock at any one time, Checkers of Churchtown could well offer the largest selection of stock wallpapers in the Southport area.

The amazing range of wallpaper together with the fantastic range of fabrics couple together to make the very best experience when choosing you home furnishings.
The fabric department offers a top quality making up service too so if looking for that special material for curtains and blinds to finish off the look it couldn't be easier.

The key to Checkers expansion and success over the years has got to be their high level of customer service and their diversity as a local retailer.

Their knowledgeable team are on hand to help with the tiniest Nuts & Bolts, through to the most inspirational Wallpapers, Paints and fabulous Fabrics, to complete Kitchens, Bedrooms and much much more.
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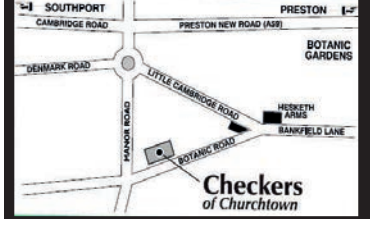

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It's very important that teachers are well equipped with realistic, up to date training for the future and for that reason, the partnership work with exceptional schools across the whole of Merseyside.

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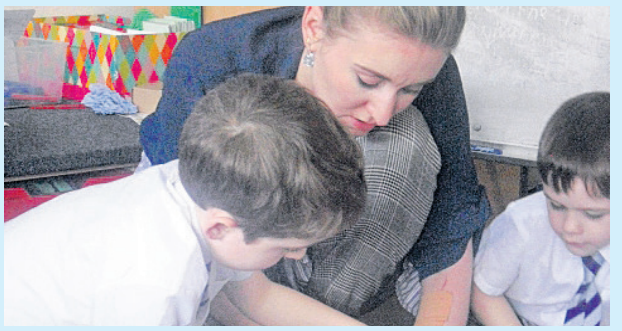

Head teachers actively seek to employ from the partnership and feedback has shown that ex trainees' retention rate in the profession is excellent and some are now moving on to senior roles.

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Teachers who have been through the programme only have great things to say about their career preparation through the partnership:

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The Fireplace Studio also stock Faber fires which have gas burners situated inside artificial logs, which provides one of the most realistic fire effects on the market.

Specialising in solid wood mantels, the company has many styles, colours and materials to choose from, including luxury Italian stone. Portuguese stone, French limestone, marble, granite, oak, American tulip wood and mahogany.

They pride themselves on offering customers something a bit different and continuously review stock to provide the very latest contemporary fire designs as well as popular traditional styles.

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